

PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 22 : FLOOR COVERINGS AND FELTS AUSTRALIA : APRIL 1976

All annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. This summary contains seasonally adjusted statistics of total floor coverings (textile and smooth surfaced) in Table 2 page 2. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but also of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. The seasonally adjusted figures have been revised following annual reanalysis. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this and other series will be given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1975* (Reference No. 1.10) to be issued shortly.

As from February 1976 production statistics are no longer being collected from single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons or from establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities but which may carry on in a minor way same manufacturing.

However, except for a few commodities, the effect on production levels and movements is marginal. An indication of the approximate magnitude of the break in comparability may be obtained by comparing annual 1974-75 data which are shown in this publication on both the old and the new basis. Monthly data from July 1975 to January 1976 have also been adjusted on the new basis.

TABLE 1. - SMOOTH SURFACED AND EMBOSSED FLOOR COVERINGS (EXCL. TIMBER PARQUETRY)
(⁰⁰⁰ square metres)

TABLE I. - VINYL FLOORING (in '000 square metres)							
Period	Vinyl				Total vinyl	Other (b) (c)	Total
	In roll form (a) (841.58)	In other forms					
		Flexible vinyl (841.54)	Asbestos (841.56)				
1972-73	4,777	668	4,160	9,605	3,199	12,804	
1973-74	4,052	600	3,976	8,629	2,896	11,525	
1974-75	2,776		4,107	6,883	1,299	8,182	
1974-75 (e)	2,776		4,107	6,883	1,299	8,182	
1975 -							
March	290		306	596	197	793	
April	261		376	638	253	891	
May	236		395	630	193	823	
June	281		348	629	13	642	
July (f)	281		395	676	12	688	
August	368		338	706	14	720	
September	408		427	835	16	851	
October	295		426	721	19	739	
November	(d)		(d)	571	14	585	
December	(d)		(d)	584	13	596	
1976 -							
January	(d)		(d)	116	9	125	
February	(d)		(d)	440	16	456	
March	(d)		(d)	637	14	651	
April	(d)		(d)	355	10	365	
1974-75 : July to Apr.	2,250		3,363	5,623	1,094	6,717	
1975-76 : July to Apr.	(d)		(d)	5,639	137	5,776	

(a) Width 1 foot or more. (b) Linoleum, asphalted felt base, rubber and cork floor coverings. (c) Code numbers 841.31,37,41,39,61,69. (d) Not available for publication. (e) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above. (f) Data for July 1975 and subsequent months exclude the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above.

TABLE 2. - TEXTILE FLOOR COVERINGS, FELTS AND TIMBER PARQUETRY

Period	Textile			Total textile and smooth surfaced floor coverings (excl. timber parquetry)		Timber parquetry		
	Non-woven tufted pile (841.03)	All other (841.01, 05.07)	Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Felt (a) (841.83)	Mosaic (841.67)	Block (841.68)
	'000 sq m	'000 sq m	'000 sq m	'000 sq m		'000 sq m	sq m	sq m
1972-73	20,734	5,384	26,118	38,922	..	16,874	200,890	15,794
1973-74	25,494	5,014	30,507	42,032	..	17,077	193,322	9,338
1974-75	19,099	4,210	23,308	31,490	..	15,150	125,751	9,484
1974-75 (c)	19,076	4,210	23,286	31,468	..	15,150	125,751	9,484
1975 -								
March	1,480	356	1,836	2,629	2,571	1,252		11,670
April	1,776	288	2,065	2,955	2,773	1,051		8,542
May	2,101	390	2,490	3,313	2,925	1,100		14,304
June	1,950	361	2,312	2,954	3,135	1,209		11,789
July (d)	2,364	455	2,819	3,507	3,298	1,480		11,893
August	2,354	472	2,826	3,546	3,372	1,183		7,925
September	2,424	445	2,869	3,720	3,360	1,105		9,208
October	2,803	489	3,292	4,031	3,519	1,194		11,542
November	2,718	421	3,139	3,724	3,551	1,060		12,777
December	2,189	357	2,545	3,142	3,374	939		9,493
1976 -								
January	1,114	158	1,271	1,396	3,104	436		2,408
February	2,295	433	2,727	3,183	3,120	893		10,517
March	2,559	428	2,987	3,638	3,142	1,014		14,583
April	1,940	337	2,277	2,642	2,721	681		7,605
1974-75 : July to Apr.	15,048	3,459	18,506	25,223	..	12,841		109,142
1975-76 : July to Apr.	22,760	3,993	26,753	32,530	..	9,984		97,951

(a) Needled (or bonded) felts of jute/hair mixtures for all purposes. (b) See note at top of page 1. (c) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes on page 1. (d) Data for July 1975 and subsequent months exclude the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes on page 1.

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