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All annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. This summary contains seasonally adjusted statistics of sulphuric acid. 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 some 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.

Period	Acids (in terms of 100% acid)					Sodium Hydroxide (100%) (caustic soda) (407.88)	Sulphate of ammonia (405.36)	Super-phosphate (b)
	Hydro-chloric (401.29)	Nitric (401.37)	Sulphuric		Chlorine (405.82)			
			Original (401.57)	Seas.adj.(a)				
	tonnes	tonnes	- '000 tonnes -		tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes
1972-73	40,969	162,680	2,265	..	98,787	121,610	227,864	4,918
1973-74	41,385	183,052	2,428	..	111,220	139,220	244,045	5,318
1974-75	41,968	173,970	1,770	..	109,302	139,206	266,483	3,309
1974-75 (c)	41,968	173,970	1,770	..	109,302	139,206	266,483	3,309
1975 -								
March	3,549	9,509	124	125	8,622	11,169	21,985	191
April	2,752	11,776	94	90	9,132	11,967	24,831	116
May	3,370	14,285	69	65	8,272	10,908	22,409	75
June	4,001	15,630	63	68	9,205	11,905	18,864	71
July (d)	5,051	16,950	67	93	8,998	11,454	25,226	69
August	3,742	12,014	73	78	10,694	13,591	23,256	59
September	3,914	15,186	72	73	8,666	9,315	21,088	63
October	3,766	7,907	73	68	10,239	12,396	18,752	84
November	3,499	15,669	109	106	6,567	8,063	12,109	189
December	4,240	19,652	113	104	10,371	12,659	19,577	195
1976 -								
January	3,422	9,811	129	118	9,123	11,227	17,276	241
February	3,074	10,467	135	127	8,980	11,247	14,278	262
March	4,569	12,172	153	154	11,345	13,478	16,305	331
April	3,455	11,062	161	155	10,217	11,293	16,185	308
1974-75 : July to Apr.	34,597	144,055	1,638	..	91,825	116,393	225,210	3,163
1975-76 : July to Apr.	38,732	130,890	1,086	..	95,200	114,723	184,052	1,801

(a) See note at top of page. (b) Code numbers 415.07 and 405.25. Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (c) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above. (d) Data from July 1975 and subsequent months exclude production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above.

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