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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 22 : FLOOR COVERINGS AND FELTS AUSTRALIA : JANUARY 1977

Annual figures shown in this publication are derived by aggregating monthly production and relate to production during the year ended 30 June. They may differ from annual manufacturing census figures relating to the census year which, in the case of businesses unable to report on a June year basis, include details in respect of substitute accounting periods.

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 are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1976* (Reference No. 1.10).

As from July 1975 production statistics exclude production of single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons and production of 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.

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

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Vinyl						
In other forms						
Period	In roll form (a) (841.58)	Flexible vinyl (841.54)	Asbestos (841.56)	Total vinyl	Other (b) (c)	Total
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)	<u>2,776</u>	<u>4,107</u>		<u>6,883</u>	<u>1,299</u>	<u>8,182</u>
1975-76	2,538	4,085		6,623	161	6,784
1975 -						
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
May	(d)	(d)		482	11	493
June	(d)	(d)		501	13	514
July	(d)	(d)		464	23	486
August	(d)	(d)		480	19	499
September	(d)	(d)		631	26	657
October	(d)	(d)		470	25	495
November	(d)	(d)		461	17	477
December	(d)	(d)		444	19	463
1977 -						
January	(d)	(d)		187	12	200
1975-76 : July to Jan.	(d)	(d)		4,208	96.2	4,305
1976-77 : July to Jan.	(d)	(d)		3,137	139.9	3,277

(a) Width 1 foot or more. (b) Linoleum, asphalted felt base, rubber and cork floor coverings. (c) Code numbers 841.31, 37.41, 59, 61.69. (d) Not available for publication. (e) Excludes 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) (841.85)	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
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
1975-76	27,019	4,742	31,761	38,545	..	11,906	121,050	
1975 -								
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		5,669
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
May	2,192	388	2,580	3,073	2,759	998		9,485
June	2,067	361	2,428	2,942	3,034	924		10,353
July	2,405	343	2,748	3,235	3,122	1,169		12,642
August	2,209	363	2,572	3,071	2,900	988		13,934
September	2,588	406	2,994	3,650	3,191	935		12,927
October	2,346	381	2,727	3,222	2,970	933		15,737
November	2,384	382	2,766	3,243	3,029	1,034		15,709
December	1,827	303	2,130	2,593	2,763	893		9,585
1977 -								
January	1,066	128	1,195	1,394	3,169	419		5,720
1975-76 : July to Jan.	15,967	2,795	18,762	23,067	..	7,397		68,507
1976-77 : July to Jan.	14,824	2,307	17,131	20,409	..	6,370		86,254

(a) Needed (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.

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