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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 53 : PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS  
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All annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision.

Decorative laminated boards and sheets, plastic profile sheet, floor coverings and material prepared for cutting into floor tiles are not included in this summary. For details of these see monthly Production Summaries Nos. 49 and 22.

TABLE 1. - UNSUPPORTED PLASTICS FILM, FOIL AND SHEETING (a) - BY POLYMER TYPE  
(<sup>000</sup> kilograms)

| Period               | Vinyl chloride<br>including<br>co-polymers<br>(423.02.03,06.07) | Poly-<br>ethylene<br>(423.11.15,21.25) | Poly-<br>styrene<br>(423.31.35) | Other<br>(b)<br>(423.41.45,61.65) | Total  |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1972-73              | 16,542                                                          | 44,371                                 | 6,164                           | 8,964                             | 76,042 |
| 1973-74              | 18,744                                                          | 53,885                                 | 7,033                           | 12,356                            | 92,018 |
| 1974-75              | 15,461                                                          | 53,216                                 | 6,153                           | 9,199                             | 84,030 |
| 1974                 |                                                                 |                                        |                                 |                                   |        |
| December             | 1,198                                                           | 3,939                                  | 417                             | 486                               | 6,040  |
| 1975                 |                                                                 |                                        |                                 |                                   |        |
| January              | 352                                                             | 3,704                                  | 292                             | 275                               | 4,624  |
| February             | 966                                                             | 3,672                                  | 500                             | 554                               | 5,692  |
| March                | 1,197                                                           | 3,473                                  | 510                             | 640                               | 5,821  |
| April                | 969                                                             | 3,659                                  | 598                             | 710                               | 5,936  |
| May                  | 993                                                             | 3,981                                  | 516                             | 642                               | 6,133  |
| June                 | 1,089                                                           | 4,403                                  | 462                             | 843                               | 6,797  |
| July                 | 1,206                                                           | 4,307                                  | 476                             | 766                               | 6,755  |
| August               | 1,288                                                           | 4,345                                  | 384                             | 811                               | 6,828  |
| September            | 1,717                                                           | 4,659                                  | 457                             | 877                               | 7,709  |
| October              | 1,745                                                           | 4,642                                  | 575                             | 1,023                             | 7,985  |
| November             | 1,386                                                           | 4,668                                  | 558                             | 944                               | 7,556  |
| December             | 1,264                                                           | 4,302                                  | 482                             | 714                               | 6,761  |
| 1976                 |                                                                 |                                        |                                 |                                   |        |
| January              | 490                                                             | 3,236                                  | 316                             | 460                               | 4,503  |
| 1974-75 July to Jan. | 10,247                                                          | 34,028                                 | 3,567                           | 5,809                             | 53,650 |
| 1975-76 July to Jan. | 9,097                                                           | 30,158                                 | 3,248                           | 5,595                             | 48,098 |

(a) Rigid and flexible (includes lay flat tubing) - not profile. Includes film or sheet used in further production in the same establishment. (b) Includes cellulose acetate

TABLE 2. - UNSUPPORTED PLASTICS FILM, FOIL AND SHEETING (a) - BY THICKNESS  
(<sup>000</sup> kilograms)

| Period               | Film (thickness less<br>than 0.010") (b)                     |                                  |               | Sheeting and sheets (thickness<br>0.010" and over)           |                                  |                                    | Total<br>film and<br>sheeting<br>and sheets |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                      | Vinyl<br>chloride<br>including<br>co-polymers<br>(423.02.03) | Other<br>(423.11.21<br>31.41.61) | Total<br>film | Vinyl<br>chloride<br>including<br>co-polymers<br>(423.06.07) | Other<br>(423.13.25<br>35.45.65) | Total<br>sheeting<br>and<br>sheets |                                             |
| 1972-73              | 9,141                                                        | 49,146                           | 58,287        | 7,401                                                        | 10,354                           | 17,755                             | 76,042                                      |
| 1973-74              | 10,672                                                       | 60,423                           | 71,095        | 8,072                                                        | 12,852                           | 20,923                             | 92,018                                      |
| 1974-75              | 8,676                                                        | 56,799                           | 65,475        | 6,786                                                        | 11,769                           | 18,555                             | 84,030                                      |
| 1974                 |                                                              |                                  |               |                                                              |                                  |                                    |                                             |
| December             | 500                                                          | 4,090                            | 4,589         | 698                                                          | 753                              | 1,451                              | 6,040                                       |
| 1975                 |                                                              |                                  |               |                                                              |                                  |                                    |                                             |
| January              | 275                                                          | 3,840                            | 4,115         | 77                                                           | 432                              | 509                                | 4,624                                       |
| February             | 577                                                          | 3,864                            | 4,441         | 389                                                          | 862                              | 1,251                              | 5,692                                       |
| March                | 666                                                          | 3,756                            | 4,423         | 531                                                          | 868                              | 1,399                              | 5,821                                       |
| April                | 611                                                          | 3,914                            | 4,525         | 358                                                          | 1,053                            | 1,412                              | 5,936                                       |
| May                  | 527                                                          | 4,210                            | 4,737         | 467                                                          | 930                              | 1,396                              | 6,133                                       |
| June                 | 701                                                          | 4,838                            | 5,539         | 388                                                          | 870                              | 1,258                              | 6,797                                       |
| July                 | 780                                                          | 4,703                            | 5,483         | 427                                                          | 845                              | 1,272                              | 6,755                                       |
| August               | 851                                                          | 4,650                            | 5,502         | 436                                                          | 889                              | 1,326                              | 6,828                                       |
| September            | 1,156                                                        | 4,904                            | 6,061         | 561                                                          | 1,088                            | 1,649                              | 7,709                                       |
| October              | 1,073                                                        | 5,037                            | 6,110         | 672                                                          | 1,203                            | 1,875                              | 7,985                                       |
| November             | 792                                                          | 4,997                            | 5,789         | 594                                                          | 1,173                            | 1,767                              | 7,556                                       |
| December             | 855                                                          | 4,519                            | 5,375         | 409                                                          | 978                              | 1,386                              | 6,761                                       |
| 1976                 |                                                              |                                  |               |                                                              |                                  |                                    |                                             |
| January              | 362                                                          | 3,452                            | 3,814         | 128                                                          | 561                              | 689                                | 4,503                                       |
| 1974-75 July to Jan. | 5,594                                                        | 36,218                           | 41,811        | 4,653                                                        | 7,186                            | 11,839                             | 53,650                                      |
| 1975-76 July to Jan. | 5,871                                                        | 32,264                           | 38,134        | 3,226                                                        | 6,737                            | 9,964                              | 48,098                                      |

(a) See footnote (a) Table 1. (b) Prior to July 1979 includes film of thickness 0.010".

TABLE 3. - PLASTICS COATED MATERIALS (a)  
(\*000 square metres)

| Period                 | Vinyl chloride<br>(incl. co-<br>polymers) on<br>knitted or<br>woven textile<br>material |                   | Vinyl chloride<br>(incl. co-poly-<br>mers and poly-<br>vinylidene chlor-<br>ide on paper<br>or paperboard)<br>(excl. bitum-<br>en treated)<br>(424.33,51) | Polyethylene                                      |                                       | Other<br>polymers<br><br>On knitted<br>and woven<br>textile<br>materials<br>(424.61) |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                        | Expanded<br>(424.30)                                                                    | Other<br>(424.32) |                                                                                                                                                           | On regener-<br>ated cellulose<br>film<br>(424.42) | On other<br>substrates<br>(424.43-47) |                                                                                      |
| 1972-73                | 6,340                                                                                   | 10,533            | 10,301                                                                                                                                                    | 13,313                                            | 54,320                                | 7,759                                                                                |
| 1973-74                | 6,900                                                                                   | 11,262            | 11,841                                                                                                                                                    | 16,264                                            | 76,047                                | 6,541                                                                                |
| 1974-75                | 5,399                                                                                   | 8,996             | 11,175                                                                                                                                                    | 18,048                                            | 73,242                                | 5,798                                                                                |
| 1974 -<br>December     | (b)                                                                                     | 607               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,306                                             | 5,062                                 | 511                                                                                  |
| 1975 -                 |                                                                                         |                   |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                   |                                       |                                                                                      |
| January                | (b)                                                                                     | 154               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 983                                               | 3,747                                 | 178                                                                                  |
| February               | 306                                                                                     | 745               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,475                                             | 4,492                                 | 729                                                                                  |
| March                  | 377                                                                                     | 634               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,433                                             | 2,769                                 | 369                                                                                  |
| April                  | 366                                                                                     | 762               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,667                                             | 4,030                                 | 403                                                                                  |
| May                    | 525                                                                                     | 959               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,172                                             | 4,686                                 | 402                                                                                  |
| June                   | 618                                                                                     | 959               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,060                                             | 3,603                                 | 408                                                                                  |
| July                   | 427                                                                                     | 698               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,247                                             | 3,064                                 | 384                                                                                  |
| August                 | 522                                                                                     | 587               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,133                                             | 2,465                                 | 380                                                                                  |
| September              | 763                                                                                     | 1,029             | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 2,020                                             | 3,627                                 | 431                                                                                  |
| October                | 441                                                                                     | 812               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,275                                             | 3,873                                 | 465                                                                                  |
| November               | 552                                                                                     | 782               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,530                                             | 4,058                                 | 481                                                                                  |
| December               | 663                                                                                     | 908               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 1,808                                             | 3,347                                 | 443                                                                                  |
| 1976 -                 |                                                                                         |                   |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                   |                                       |                                                                                      |
| January                | (b)                                                                                     | 469               | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 787                                               | 2,644                                 | 146                                                                                  |
| 1974-75 : July to Jan. | 3,207                                                                                   | 5,295             | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 11,242                                            | 53,662                                | 3,487                                                                                |
| 1975-76 : July to Jan. | (b)                                                                                     | 5,295             | (b)                                                                                                                                                       | 9,801                                             | 23,078                                | 2,730                                                                                |

(a) Area of completion of final coating by any method including laminating on continuous supporting materials. Includes production of the specified combinations even if subsequently used in the same establishment for further processing. Excludes coating intended for adhesive purposes in the production of laminates. (b) Not available for publication.

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