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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 53 : PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS AUSTRALIA : OCTOBER 1976

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.

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.

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. UNSUPPORTED PLASTICS FILM, FOIL AND SHEETING (a) - BY POLYMER TYPE
(*000 kilograms)

Period	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers (423.02.03.06.07)	Poly- ethylene (423.11.15.21.25)	Poly- styrene (423.31.35)	Other (b) (423.41.45.61.65)	Total
1973-74	18,744	53,905	7,093	12,326	92,067
1974-75	15,461	52,492	6,153	9,020	83,127
1974-75 (c)	15,461	52,192	6,153	9,020	82,827
1975-76	15,674	53,951	6,817	11,248	89,689
1975 -					
September	1,717	4,582	507	877	7,683
October	1,745	4,530	657	1,023	7,955
November	1,386	4,575	625	944	7,530
December	1,264	4,274	482	714	6,734
1976 -					
January	490	3,234	316	566	4,607
February	1,344	4,718	530	1,104	7,695
March	1,197	5,522	730	991	8,440
April	1,187	5,251	646	953	8,037
May	1,362	5,023	634	1,158	8,177
June	1,487	5,734	743	1,342	9,306
July	1,284	5,293	684	1,107	8,368
August	1,854	5,325	886	1,225	9,290
September	1,540	5,897	819	1,323	9,579
October	1,371	4,865	717	1,219	8,172
1975-76 : July to Oct.	5,957	17,620	2,110	3,477	29,164
1976-77 : July to Oct.	6,049	21,380	3,106	4,874	35,409

(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. (c) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above.

TABLE 2. UNSUPPORTED PLASTICS FILM, FOIL AND SHEETING (a) — BY THICKNESS
(*000 kilograms)

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Period	Film (thickness less than 0.010" (b)			Sheeting and sheetings (thickness 0.010" and over)			
	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers (423.02,03)	Other (423.11,21 31.41.61)	Total film	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers (423.06,07)	Other (423.15,25 33.45,6.5)	Total sheeting and sheets	Total film and sheeting and sheets
1973-74	10,672	60,474	71,147	8,072	12,849	20,920	92,067
1974-75	8,676	56,129	65,475	6,788	11,769	18,555	83,127
1974-75 (c)	8,676	56,499	65,175	6,786	11,769	18,555	82,827
1975-76	9,787	60,940	70,726	5,887	13,076	18,963	89,689
1975 -							
September	1,156	4,878	6,034	561	1,088	1,649	7,683
October	1,071	5,007	6,080	672	1,203	1,875	7,955
November	792	4,971	5,763	594	1,173	1,767	7,530
December	855	4,492	5,347	409	978	1,386	6,734
1976 -							
January	362	3,556	3,918	128	561	689	4,607
February	845	5,157	6,002	499	1,194	1,693	7,695
March	624	6,013	6,637	573	1,230	1,802	8,440
April	732	5,595	6,326	456	1,255	1,710	8,037
May	833	5,525	6,357	530	1,290	1,820	8,177
June	883	6,450	7,333	604	1,369	1,973	9,306
July	790	5,858	6,648	494	1,226	1,720	8,368
August	1,039	5,872	6,911	815	1,565	2,380	9,290
September	859	6,445	7,304	681	1,593	2,275	9,579
October	827	5,378	6,205	544	1,423	1,966	8,172
1975-76 : July to Oct.	3,861	19,181	23,042	2,095	4,026	6,121	29,164
1976-77 : July to Oct.	3,515	23,553	27,068	2,534	5,807	8,341	35,409

(a) See footnote (a) Table 1. (b) Prior to July 1970 includes film of thickness 0.010". (c) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes on page 1.

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

Period	Vinyl chloride (incl. co-polymers) on knitted or woven textile material		Vinyl chloride (incl. co-polymers and polyvinylidene chloride on paper or paperboard) (excl. bitumen treated) (424.33.51)	Polyethylene		Other polymers
	Expanded (424.10)	Other (424.12)		On regenerated cellulose film (424.42)	On other substrates (424.43-47)	
1973-74	6,900	11,268	11,841	16,264	76,046	6,541
1974-75	5,399	8,996	11,175	15,048	72,252	5,798
1974-75 (b)	5,399	8,994	11,175	15,048	73,342	5,798
1975-76	6,209	9,320	10,240	17,173	40,754	5,299
1975 —						
September	763	1,029	(c)	2,020	3,627	431
October	441	812	(c)	1,275	3,873	465
November	552	782	(c)	1,530	3,986	481
December	663	908	(c)	1,808	3,279	443
1976 —						
January	89	168	(c)	934	1,737	146
February	602	1,006	(c)	1,026	4,301	581
March	611	1,044	(c)	1,660	4,424	565
April	374	721	(c)	1,641	2,833	504
May	595	738	(c)	1,087	3,138	522
June	569	815	(c)	1,814	4,027	397
July	568	815	(c)	1,105	2,738	485
August	427	799	(c)	1,610	3,979	584
September	513	823	(c)	1,496	3,450	448
October	547	751	(c)	1,534	3,040	434
1975-76 : July to Oct.	2,154	3,137	(c)	5,676	13,029	1,660
1976-77 : July to Oct.	2,056	3,138	(c)	5,746	13,206	1,950

(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) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes on page 1. (c) Not available for publication.