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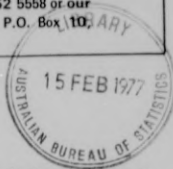
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**PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 2 : CHEMICALS, ETC.**  
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Annual figures shown in this publication are derived by aggregating monthly production and relate to production during the year ended 30 June. They 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 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 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.

*Acids (in terms of 100% acid)*

Period	Hydrochloric (401.29)	Nitric (401.37)	Sulphuric		Chlorine (405.82)	Sodium Hydroxide (100%) (407.88)	Sulphate of ammonia (405.36)	Super- phosphate (b)
			Original	Seas.adj. (a) (401.57)				
	tonnes	tonnes	-'000 tonnes -		tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes
1973-74	41,385	183,052	2,428	..	111,220	139,220	244,045	5,318
1974-75	42,819	173,970	1,770	..	109,302	139,206	266,483	3,309
1974-75 (c)	42,819	173,970	1,770	..	109,302	139,206	266,483	3,309
1975-76	46,958	147,559	1,295	..	113,326	137,238	219,764	2,157
1975 -								
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	3,428	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
May	2,249	6,339	102	97	8,266	9,802	18,451	226
June	4,623	10,330	107	114	9,860	12,713	17,261	130
July	4,550	14,692	108	146	9,830	11,664	16,440	117
August	4,162	13,661	106	115	9,106	10,980	17,701	161
September	5,385	18,418	130	136	9,528	11,618	18,552	214
October	3,747	13,387	136	123	9,726	11,542	15,237	313
November	3,715	15,675	147	142	7,447	9,109	13,933	251
1975-76 : July to Nov.	19,972	67,726	395	..	45,164	54,819	100,431	463
1976-77 : July to Nov.	21,559	75,833	628	..	45,637	54,913	81,863	1,056

(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. 2% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> equivalent. (c) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above.