

PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 22 : FLOOR COVERINGS AND FELTS AUSTRALIA : JUNE 1976

All annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. 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 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.

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

TABLE 1. — SMOOTH SURFACED VINYL (‘000 square metres)						
Period	Vinyl			Total vinyl	Other (b) (c)	Total
	In roll form (a) (841.58)	In other forms				
		Flexible vinyl (841.54)	Asbestos (841.56)			
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)	2,776	4,107		6,883	1,299	8,182
1975-76	2,538	4,085		6,623	161	6,784
1975 —						
May	236	395		630	193	823
June	281	348		629	13	642
July, (f)	281	395		676	12	688
August	368	338		706	14	720
September	408	427		835	16	851
October	295	426		721	19	739
November	(d)	(d)		571	14	585
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

(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. (f) Data for July 1975 and subsequent months exclude 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	<u>19,099</u>	<u>4,210</u>	<u>23,308</u>	<u>31,490</u>	--	<u>15,150</u>	<u>125,751</u>	<u>9,484</u>
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	117,789	
1975 -								
May	2,101	390	2,490	3,313	2,925	1,100	14,304	
June	<u>1,950</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>2,312</u>	<u>2,954</u>	<u>3,135</u>	<u>1,209</u>	<u>11,789</u>	
July (d)	2,364	455	2,819	3,507	3,298	1,480	11,893	
August	2,354	472	2,826	3,546	3,372	1,183	7,925	
September	2,424	445	2,869	3,720	3,360	1,105	9,208	
October	2,803	489	3,292	4,031	3,519	1,194	11,542	
November	2,718	421	3,139	3,724	3,551	1,060	12,777	
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	2,408	
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	958	9,485	
June	2,067	361	2,428	2,942	3,034	924	10,353	

(a) Needled (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. (d) Data for July 1975 and subsequent months exclude the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes on page 1.

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