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COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA
PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 53 : PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS

JUNE 1971

The figures for 1967-68 are those recorded in the Annual Factory Census. All subsequent 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
(000 lb)

Period	Code No.	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Poly- ethylene	Poly- styrene	Other (b)	Total
		423.02,03,06,07	423.11,15,21,25	423.31,35	423.41,45,61,65	
1967-68		22,206	40,391	4,608	4,453	71,658
1968-69		24,212	48,103	5,270	5,376	82,960
1969-70		30,763	59,791	6,762	6,688	104,003
Months : 1970						
May		2,637	5,232	657	551	9,076
June		2,355	5,850	592	586	9,383
July		2,626	5,067	r785	r877	r9,355
August		2,337	5,641	r570	r682	r9,231
September		2,965	5,703	r897	r836	r10,401
October		2,478	5,676	r644	r846	r9,644
November		2,776	6,365	r691	r724	r10,556
December		2,391	r5,013	r605	r523	r8,531
1971						
January		1,308	4,787	r508	r465	r7,069
February		2,707	5,385	r638	r594	r9,325
March		3,023	6,166	r718	r825	r10,733
April		r3,725	5,894	r569	r886	r11,075
May		3,359	6,280	r678	r892	r11,209
June		3,532	6,783	770	882	11,966
Year : 1970-71		33,227	68,762	8,073	9,035	119,097

(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.

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

Period	Film (thickness less than 0.010") (b)				Sheeting and sheets (thickness 0.010" and over) (c)			Total film and sheeting and sheets
	Code No.	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Other	Total film	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Other	Total sheeting and sheets	
		423.02,03	423.11,21,31,41,61		423.06,07	423.15,25,35,45,65		
1967-68		11,608	42,038	53,646	10,598	7,414	18,012	71,658
1968-69		14,006	50,088	64,094	10,206	8,661	18,867	82,960
1969-70		17,815	62,216	80,031	12,948	11,024	23,972	104,003
Months : 1970 May		1,601	5,376	6,977	1,036	1,064	2,100	9,076
June		1,424	6,075	7,499	931	954	1,885	9,383
July		1,292	5,324	6,617	1,334	r1,405	r2,738	r9,355
August		1,232	5,847	7,078	1,106	r1,047	r2,152	r9,231
September		1,780	5,992	7,772	1,184	r1,444	r2,629	r10,401
October		1,444	5,955	7,399	1,034	r1,211	r2,246	r9,644
November		1,589	6,645	8,235	1,187	r1,135	r2,322	r10,556
December		1,328	5,283	6,611	1,063	r858	r1,921	r8,531
1971 January		706	4,980	5,686	602	r781	r1,383	r7,069
February		1,783	5,534	7,317	924	r1,084	r2,008	r9,325
March		1,921	6,439	8,361	1,102	r1,270	r2,372	r10,733
April		r2,282	6,153	r8,435	1,443	r1,198	r2,640	r11,075
May		2,088	6,528	8,616	1,271	r1,323	r2,593	r11,209
June		1,940	7,080	9,020	1,591	1,354	2,946	11,966
Year : 1970-71		19,387	71,760	91,147	13,840	14,109	27,950	119,097

(a) See footnote (a)

(a) See footnote (a) page 1. (b) Prior to July 1970, includes film of thickness 0.010". (c) Prior to July 1970, excludes sheeting of thickness 0.010".

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TABLE 3. - PLASTICS COATED MATERIALS (a)

('000 sq yd)

Period	Code No.	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)	Polyethylene		
				On regenerated cellulose film (b)	On aluminium foil	On paper or paperboard (excl. bitumen) treated
		424.30,32	424.33,51	424.42	424.43	424.45
1967-68		20,149	6,192	11,694	2,232	26,650
1968-69		20,060	9,807	9,955	2,022	29,040
1969-70		23,485	12,034	13,056	2,488	30,057
Months : 1970 May		2,092	1,239	813	172	1,590
June		1,703	782	1,056	183	1,519
July		1,860	802	1,505	114	1,865
August		1,595	889	1,160	125	1,719
September		2,097	1,006	1,359	123	2,153
October		1,929	1,295	1,682	311	2,026
November		1,598	1,358	1,706	69	2,559
December		1,320	1,264	1,307	141	1,781
1971 January		692	819	1,061	111	1,669
February		1,457	1,333	1,166	142	1,000
March		1,820	1,310	1,156	287	3,627
April		1,901	1,116	1,758	108	1,595
May		1,800	898	1,203	192	1,768
June		1,950	995	1,328	161	1,654
Year : 1970-71		20,019	13,086	16,389	1,885	23,416

(a) Area at 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) Figures prior to July 1970 relate to polyethylene on cellulose film.

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