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

NOVEMBER 1970

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	47,854	5,270	5,376	82,711
1969-70		30,763	59,791	6,762	6,688	104,003
Months : 1969	October	3,187	5,175	612	663	9,637
	November	2,418	4,896	516	511	8,341
	December	1,771	4,633	525	552	7,481
1970	January	1,642	4,303	254	324	6,523
	February	2,264	5,073	595	558	8,490
	March	2,453	5,322	483	509	8,768
	April	3,503	5,335	705	767	10,311
	May	2,637	5,232	657	551	9,076
	June	2,354	5,850	592	586	9,383
	July	2,500	5,067	758	796	9,121
	August	2,525	5,641	555	571	9,293
	September	2,965	5,703	854	754	10,276
	October	2,478	5,676	577	745	9,477
	November	2,771	6,353	626	684	10,434
5 months ended	November 1970	13,239	28,442	3,371	3,550	48,601
5 months ended	November 1969	14,137	24,043	2,951	2,840	43,973

(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
(1000 lb)

Period		Film (thickness less than 0.010") (b)			Sheeting and sheets (thickness 0.010" and over) (c)			Total film and sheeting and sheets
		Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Other	Total film	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Other	Total sheeting and sheets	
Code No.		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	49,839	63,845	10,206	8,661	18,867	82,711
1969-70		17,815	62,216	80,031	12,948	11,024	23,972	104,003
Months : 1969 October		1,885	5,416	7,301	1,302	1,034	2,336	9,637
November		1,251	5,117	6,367	1,167	806	1,973	8,341
December		1,132	4,868	6,000	639	842	1,481	7,481
1970 January		948	4,433	5,380	695	447	1,142	6,523
February		1,274	5,255	6,529	990	971	1,961	8,490
March		1,555	5,549	7,105	898	766	1,663	8,768
April		1,967	5,601	7,569	1,536	1,206	2,742	10,311
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		1,278	5,324	6,602	1,222	1,297	2,519	9,121
August		1,360	5,847	7,207	1,165	921	2,086	9,293
September		1,780	5,992	7,772	1,184	1,319	2,504	10,276
October		1,444	5,955	7,399	1,034	1,044	2,079	9,477
November		1,584	6,626	8,211	1,187	1,036	2,223	10,434
5 months ended November 1970		7,447	29,744	37,191	5,793	5,617	11,410	48,601
5 months ended November 1969		7,914	25,060	32,974	6,223	4,775	10,999	43,973

(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".

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 : 1969						
October		2,588	1,196	1,125	150	2,583
November		1,850	1,283	1,100	78	3,950
December		1,721	963	1,314	163	2,298
1970						
January		1,102	522	1,241	163	1,535
February		1,934	993	889	337	2,231
March		1,814	1,228	850	129	1,689
April		2,292	1,123	1,837	113	2,950
May		2,092	1,239	813	172	1,590
June		1,703	782	1,056	183	1,519
July		1,923	802	1,505	114	1,865
August		1,635	889	1,160	125	1,719
September		2,203	1,006	1,359	123	2,153
October		2,022	1,295	1,682	311	3,026
November		1,669	1,358	1,654	69	2,559
5 months ended November 1970		9,451	5,351	7,359	743	11,322
5 months ended November 1969		10,826	5,184	5,056	1,228	16,245

(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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