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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 53 : PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS AUSTRALIA : AUGUST 1973

The figures for 1971-72 are derived from Annual Factory Census. All other annual 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 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*
1970-71	15,082	31,190	4,013	4,310	54,594
1971-72	15,414	37,815	5,156	6,924	65,309
1972-73	16,264	44,307	6,164	7,940	74,674
1972 –					
July	1,289	3,476	423	644	5,833
August	1,289	3,928	526	606	6,350
September	1,588	3,637	512	699	6,436
October	1,498	4,019	544	583	6,644
November	1,451	3,682	618	713	6,464
December	1,141	3,144	472	553	5,309
1973 –					
January	742	3,242	412	439	4,835
February	1,316	3,631	571	678	6,196
March	1,816	3,750	524	916	7,005
April	1,193	3,731	543	749	6,216
May	1,506	3,995	524	718	6,744
June	1,436	4,072	493	639	6,641
July	1,555	4,473	509	866	7,402
August	1,467	4,237	639	918	7,261
1972-73: July to Aug	2,578	7,404	950	1,250	12,183
1973-74: July to Aug	3,022	8,710	1,148	1,783	14,663

(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.

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 sheets (thickness 0.010" and over (c)*			
	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, 35,45,65)*	*Total sheeting and sheets*	*Total film and sheeting and sheets*
1970-71	8,804	32,712	41,517	6,278	6,800	13,078	54,594
1971-72	8,766	41,396	50,162	6,647	8,499	15,147	65,309
1972-73	8,863	48,056	56,919	7,401	10,354	17,757	74,674
1972 –							
July	602	3,808	4,410	687	736	1,423	5,833
August	731	4,243	4,973	558	818	1,376	6,350
September	825	3,968	4,793	763	881	1,644	6,436
October	670	4,331	5,001	827	815	1,643	6,644
November	805	4,045	4,850	646	968	1,614	6,464
December	654	3,407	4,062	486	762	1,248	5,309
1973 –							
January	470	3,470	3,939	272	624	896	4,835
February	823	4,004	4,827	493	876	1,369	6,196
March	998	4,100	5,098	818	1,090	1,908	7,005
April	685	4,052	4,737	508	972	1,480	6,216
May	857	4,316	5,173	650	922	1,571	6,744
June	743	4,313	5,056	693	892	1,587	6,643
July	802	4,788	5,589	753	1,060	1,813	7,402
August	763	4,753	5,517	704	1,040	1,744	7,261
1972-73: July to Aug	1,333	8,050	9,384	1,245	1,554	2,799	12,183
1973-74: July to Aug	1,565	9,541	11,106	1,457	2,100	3,557	14,663

(a) See footnote (a) Table 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 square metres)

Period	*Vinyl chloride (incl. co-polymers) on knitted or woven textile material*		*Vinyl chloride (incl. co-polymers and polyvinylidine chloride on paper or paperboard (excl. bitumen treated) (424.33,51)*	*Polyethylene*		*Other polymers*
	Expanded (424.30)	*Other (424.32)*		*On regenerated cellulose film (b) (424.42)*	*On other substrates (424.43-47)*	*On knitted and woven textile materials (424.61)*
1970-71	6,042	10,697	8,487	13,703	50,045	5,311
1971-72	5,763	10,695	12,481	13,075	35,240	7,299
1972-73	6,340	10,533	10,301	13,313	54,320	6,133
1972 –						
July	539	761	(b)	1,266	4,569	532
August	482	848	(b)	1,366	5,650	515
September	580	825	(b)	1,055	3,421	462
October	542	874	(b)	(b)	5,943	487
November	511	781	(b)	(b)	5,939	567
December	540	954	(b)	831	2,617	448
1973 –						
January	183	435	(b)	683	4,213	290
February	501	954	(b)	1,071	4,262	512
March	770	1,177	(b)	1,345	4,302	552
April	511	834	(b)	940	4,323	463
May	585	1,089	(b)	1,345	4,941	635
June	595	1,002	(b)	979	4,141	672
July	438	1,075	(b)	1,292	5,455	526
August	574	988	(b)	1,346	6,483	561
1972-73: July to Aug	1,021	1,608	(b)	2,631	10,218	1,047
1973-74: July to Aug	1,012	2,063	(b)	2,638	11,938	1,087

(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) Not available for publication.

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NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning Mr. C. Rees on 49 0211 extension 322 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician.

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