

Production and Stocks of Titanium Dioxide: October 2003

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Table 1. Summary of Production and Stocks of Titanium Dioxide
[Quantity in short tons]

Month and year		Production		Stocks 1/
Year-to-date:				
2003.....		1,301,469		(X)
2002.....		1,294,046		(X)
2003				
October.....	a/	136,635	a/	141,720
September.....	a/	123,327	a/	150,568
August.....	a/	120,553	a/	160,668
July.....	a/	137,694	a/	166,979
June.....		123,685		172,403
May.....		134,619		177,092
April.....		144,035		175,684
March.....		133,571		153,735
February.....		122,170		151,630
January.....		125,180		150,769
2002				
Total.....		1,553,513		(X)
December.....		136,108		150,537
November.....		123,359		137,502
October.....		133,689		131,917
September.....		126,325		135,885
August.....		132,345		143,872
July.....		137,273		151,551
June.....		128,684		151,118
May.....		139,574		158,106
April.....		132,375		154,603
March.....		129,794		173,533
February.....		111,890		170,380
January.....		122,097		166,930

X Not applicable.

1/Represents total stocks of producing companies at end of period, including amounts held at locations other than producing plants.

Note: Percent of estimation of each item is indicated as follows: a/10 to 25 percent of this item is estimated. b/26 to 50 percent of this item is estimated. c/Over 50 percent of this item is estimated.

Table 2. Summary of Production, Exports, Imports, and Apparent Consumption of Titanium Dioxide
[Short tons]

Month	Quantity produced	Change in stocks 1/	Exports of domestic merchandise 2/	Imports for consumption 3/	Apparent consumption 4/	Percent imports to apparent consumption
2003						
October.....	136,635	(8,848)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
September.....	123,327	(10,100)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
August.....	120,553	(6,311)	50,417	20,735	97,182	21.3
July.....	137,694	(5,424)	53,271	26,105	115,952	22.5
June.....	123,685	(4,689)	55,550	24,710	97,534	25.3
May.....	134,619	1,408	54,426	25,960	104,745	24.8
April.....	144,035	21,949	54,796	23,203	90,493	25.6
March.....	133,571	2,105	60,275	26,373	97,564	25.4
February.....	122,170	861	46,761	19,865	94,412	22.6
January.....	125,180	232	50,353	18,782	93,377	20.1
2002						
Total.....	1,553,513	(24,866)	595,066	254,828	1,238,141	20.6
December.....	136,108	13,035	53,470	16,186	85,788	18.9
November.....	123,359	5,585	51,873	18,296	84,198	21.7
October.....	133,689	(3,968)	56,902	20,999	101,754	20.6
September.....	126,325	(7,987)	54,428	21,750	102,195	21.3
August.....	132,345	(7,679)	54,053	22,788	108,759	21.0
July.....	137,273	433	50,851	21,586	107,575	20.1
June.....	128,684	(6,988)	52,349	20,778	104,102	20.0
May.....	139,574	3,503	53,221	23,089	105,938	21.8
April.....	132,375	(18,930)	49,534	25,725	127,496	20.2
March.....	129,794	3,153	45,457	21,666	102,850	21.1
February.....	111,890	3,450	39,834	19,499	88,105	22.1
January.....	122,097	(8,473)	33,094	22,466	119,942	18.7

NA Not available.

1/Change in stocks is derived by subtracting the prior month's ending stocks from the current month's ending stocks.

2/Source: Census Bureau report EM 545, U.S. Exports; HTSUSA codes 2823.00.0000 (August 2003, 1,619,513 kg), 3206.11.0000 (August 2003, 40,914,891 kg), 3206.19.0000 (August 2003, 3,202,985 kg).

3/Source: Census Bureau report IM 146, U.S. Imports for Consumption; HTSUSA codes 2823.00.0000 (August 2003, 2,144,507 kg), 3206.11.0000 (August 2003, 16,198,942 kg), 3206.19.0000 (August 2003, 467,234 kg).

4/Apparent consumption represents new domestic supply and is derived by subtracting exports and change in stocks from the total of manufacturers' production plus imports.

Note: Export numbers based on the Harmonized System-based Schedule B are 2823.00.0000, titanium oxides; 3206.11.0000, pigments and preparations containing 80 percent or more titanium dioxide; and 3206.19.0000, pigments and preparations based on titanium dioxide, other. The import numbers based on the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States are 2823.00.0000, titanium oxides; and 3206.11.0000, pigments and preparations containing 80 percent or more titanium dioxide; and 3206.19.0000, pigments and preparations based on titanium dioxide, other.