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WASHINGTON, August 25 -- The Statistical Office of the European Community has just published the second volume in its series of Industrial Statistics for 1960. The newly inaugurated series will be issued on a quarterly basis.

Volume 2, which runs 124 pages, includes industrial production indices and current production figures for a certain number of finished and unfinished products for the years 1958 and 1959 and the first quarter of 1960.

The first section of the volume deals with statistics of the rubber industry in the six countries of the Common Market. The study shows that the Community, in addition to being a manufacturer of rubber goods, is now becoming a producer of raw material in the form of synthetic rubber. From 1953 to 1958, member countries of the Community met more than 95 per cent of their raw material needs for synthetic rubber by imports from the United States and Canada. Since then, several synthetic rubber factories have gone into operation in Italy, France, and the Low Countries, and several others are now under construction. Production capacity of these factories will reach at least 375,000 metric tons in 1961 as against an annual rate of 140,000 tons registered during the early part of 1960. Indications are that, in the future, the Community will be in a position to export rubber products.

Industrial Statistics is published in French and German and will be available at \$1.00 per copy from the office of the European Community Information Service, 236 Southern Building, Washington 5, D. C. Subscriptions for the quarterly publications may be ordered at \$3.00 per year.