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The PRODCOM Newsletter

The first issue of The PRODCOM Newsletter was released in July 1998. It gave some background information on the PRODCOM project. Amongst other things, it looked at the origin of PRODCOM, briefly describing the aims of the European harmonised production statistics and highlighting the legal framework behind.

This issue focuses on the data available through the PRODCOM. Definitions of the different information available are given. Special mention is made of the Europroms CD-ROM, which presents a database containing production, markets and trade figures on EU 15 level, as well as for each Member State and Norway. This CD-ROM is the main medium of data dissemination for the PRODCOM statistics.

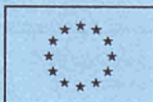
Future issues of the newsletter will aim to highlight development work in progress, or recently completed. Improvements of the quality and production systems will be presented, and information will be given on the work to document and improve the methodological basis of the production statistics.

The information about PRODCOM will be addressed to providers of data and providers of knowledge on production, as well as to potential and actual users of the PRODCOM data.

Current activities to improve the PRODCOM statistics

PRODCOM data for iron and steel come directly from the Community statistics on iron and steel, which has its legal basis in the Treaty of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). The ECSC Treaty expires in July 2002. Therefore, a Task Force is established to give recommendations on the collection of PRODCOM data on iron and steel after this date. The Task Force is expected to give its recommendations in March 2000, so that decisions on this can be taken at the PRODCOM Committee meeting in June 2000.

The Task Force is composed of representatives from national statistical institutes, Eurostat, from the Commission's Enterprise DG, from the European trade associations Eurofer and EISA as well as representatives of national trade associations.



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Europroms

The Europroms CD-ROM is a database containing official statistical data on production and trade for all of the 15 Member States of the European Union and Norway, as well as EU15 totals. The data is accessible through an easy-to-use graphical interface, and can be presented in the form of tables, diagrams or maps. The data can also easily be exported to other computer applications.

The CD-ROM offers the user this complete database with the opportunity of choosing between displays in ten different languages and twenty currencies at official exchange rates, and data display in values or in physical quantity. Annual (and for some product groups quarterly) data are available from 1993 up to 1998 for most of the Member States.

Europroms was developed in response to a growing demand for comparable

statistical information on markets and production. It supplies data at national and European level on output and sales of mining, industrial and energy products, as well as on market sizes for these products.

Europroms was developed and prepared by a Task Force of representatives from the National Statistical Institutes and Eurostat.

Dissemination of data

The Europroms CD-ROM contains a detailed and comparable set of data on production, external trade, and markets of well over 4 000 industrial products in the European Union and Norway. A large range of products is included in Europroms; Mining and quarrying products, industries, agri-foods, intermediate products, capital goods and consumer

goods, as well as energy products. Even certain specific activities, such as sub-contracting and industrial services are covered.

The source material for Europroms is national official statistics on production (PRODCOM) together with external trade data from the Intrastat trade statistics system.

This consistent framework for the data allows EU-wide comparison of production and sales data on industrial products. It also allows the calculation of derived markets, thanks to the compatibility between the classification (the PRODCOM list) and the Combined Nomenclature (CN) of external trade. These two are common to all countries of the European Union.

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Figure 1: Standard table, value in French francs

Information available on markets, production and trade

"Production sold" is available in value for all products of the PRODCOM List, and in quantity for most of them. "Production sold" corresponds closely to the part of the production that makes it to the market. As a result, much focus is put on these data, and they form the basis for calculation of market size together with the corresponding trade data.

"Domestic market" is calculated as the sum of sold domestic production plus imports minus exports. Quantity is expressed in the physical unit common to the data of production and on external trade (principal unit and sometimes also a supplementary unit).

"Total production" in quantity conveys interesting information in particular in the case of integrated production (when a company produces certain products and then uses them to produce other products). "Total production" is available for several different groups of intermediate products, e.g. stone blocks and mine-

erals, textile fabrics and leather, pulp, basic plastic basic gases and metals, etc.

"Production for sale", in value and in quantity, is used for a selection of products where production is not immediately followed by sale. A typical example of such products is wine.

Production statistics data PRODCOM are surveyed annually. For textiles, clothing and chemicals, data are also available quarterly.

Complete and detailed statistics for foreign trade are available in the Eurostat database COMEXT. Europroms contains only the data on foreign trade corresponding to production data and which are necessary for the calculation of markets.

In some sectors (e.g. textile industry or shipbuilding), PRODCOM is more detailed than the CN. To allow the market to be calculated, aggregated PRODCOM headings have been introduced for the sectors concerned. PRODCOM headings for industrial ser-

VICES and subcontracting activities are not reflected by a CN code. For these codes it is not possible to calculate market figures.

Europroms distinguishes between intra-EU external trade and extra-EU external trade.

Access to production and market statistics

Dissemination of Community statistics is the responsibility of Eurostat, either via special outlets in the Member States and non-member countries (e.g. the 'Data Shops', which provide direct access to the statistics, and the sales offices of the Publications Office), or via the appropriate national bodies.

Various media are used to this end: publications, databases and electronic products. Subscriptions to the Europroms CD-ROM can be ordered at every Eurostat data shop, and gives monthly updated versions with the latest available data.

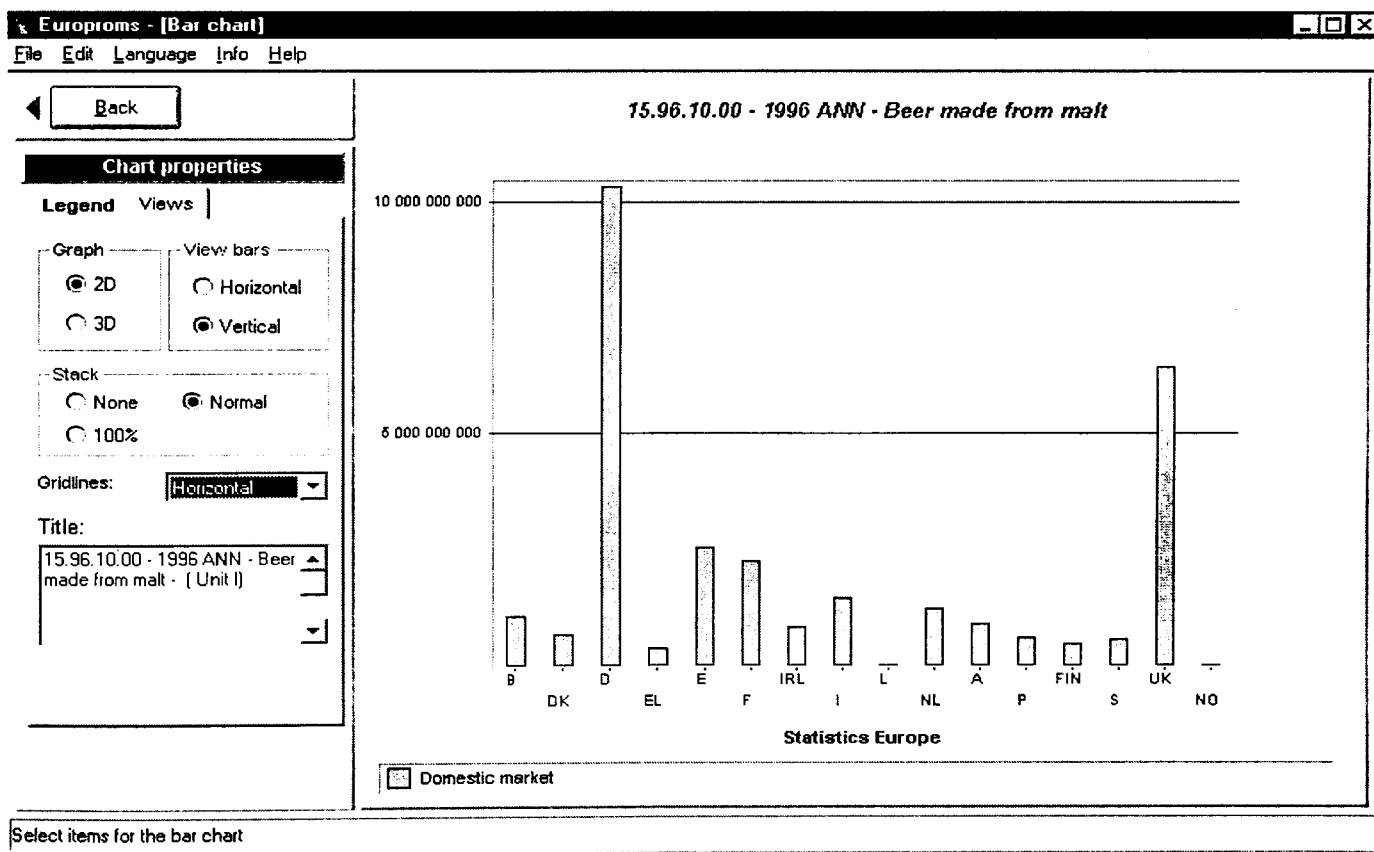


Figure 2: Standard diagram, domestic markets in the EU, litres of beer.

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