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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.



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 subcontracting 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.

The screenshot shows the Europroms software interface. The product selected is '15.96.10.00 - 1996 ANN - Beer made from malt'. The currency is set to FRF and the period to 1996 ANN. The table below shows the data for various countries.

| Country | Sold production | Imports | | | Exports | | | Intra EU |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | Intra EU | Extra EU | Total | Intra EU | Extra EU | Total | |
| Belgique/België | 7 498 722 223 | 306 872 685 | 47 569 601 | 354 442 286 | 1 228 478 262 | 233 948 179 | 1 462 426 441 | 921 605 577 |
| Danmark | 4 480 705 017 | 33 766 911 | 6 311 780 | 40 078 692 | 787 655 246 | 350 879 318 | 1 138 534 564 | 753 888 335 |
| Deutschland | 48 444 841 053 | 712 116 723 | 183 242 589 | 895 359 312 | 2 069 167 748 | 1 574 010 724 | 3 643 178 472 | 1 357 051 025 |
| Ellada | 2 180 097 985 | 103 606 464 | 42 528 046 | 146 134 510 | 7 936 069 | 73 572 183 | 81 508 252 | - 95 670 394 |
| España | 12 060 585 324 | 526 221 354 | 34 908 121 | 561 129 475 | 128 279 928 | 197 201 435 | 325 481 364 | - 397 941 426 |
| France | 10 788 812 998 | 1 537 279 498 | 50 065 445 | 1 587 344 944 | 823 915 080 | 213 059 159 | 1 036 974 240 | - 713 364 418 |
| Irland | 4 560 671 915 | 297 709 959 | 15 826 103 | 313 536 062 | 856 412 675 | 157 695 816 | 1 014 108 491 | 558 702 716 |
| Italia | 5 422 950 977 | 1 565 786 755 | 84 916 103 | 1 650 702 859 | 51 450 532 | 127 138 069 | 178 588 601 | - 1 514 336 223 |
| Luxembourg | 318 949 341 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Nederland | 10 793 713 908 | 343 735 589 | 10 489 896 | 354 225 485 | 961 314 427 | 4 980 425 458 | 5 941 739 885 | 617 578 838 |
| Österreich | 5 345 722 735 | 116 541 818 | 29 558 993 | 146 100 811 | 69 695 927 | 148 898 125 | 218 594 052 | - 46 845 891 |
| Portugal | 2 473 538 237 | 69 171 747 | 2 053 022 | 71 224 769 | 63 653 087 | 160 149 845 | 223 802 932 | - 5 518 660 |
| Suomi/Finland | 1 707 993 545 | 28 637 506 | 15 667 479 | 44 304 986 | 62 305 464 | 69 350 045 | 131 655 509 | 33 667 958 |
| Sverige | 2 616 674 306 | 210 295 154 | 23 210 917 | 233 506 071 | 7 613 692 | 13 196 373 | 20 810 065 | - 202 681 462 |
| United Kingdom | 23 399 455 590 | 1 991 129 550 | 307 188 115 | 2 298 317 665 | 1 007 645 424 | 266 908 465 | 1 274 553 889 | - 983 484 126 |
| EU-15 | 142 093 435 153 | 7 842 871 715 | 853 536 211 | 8 696 407 926 | 8 125 523 562 | 8 566 433 195 | 16 691 956 757 | 282 651 848 |
| Norge | 1 567 076 044 | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |

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.

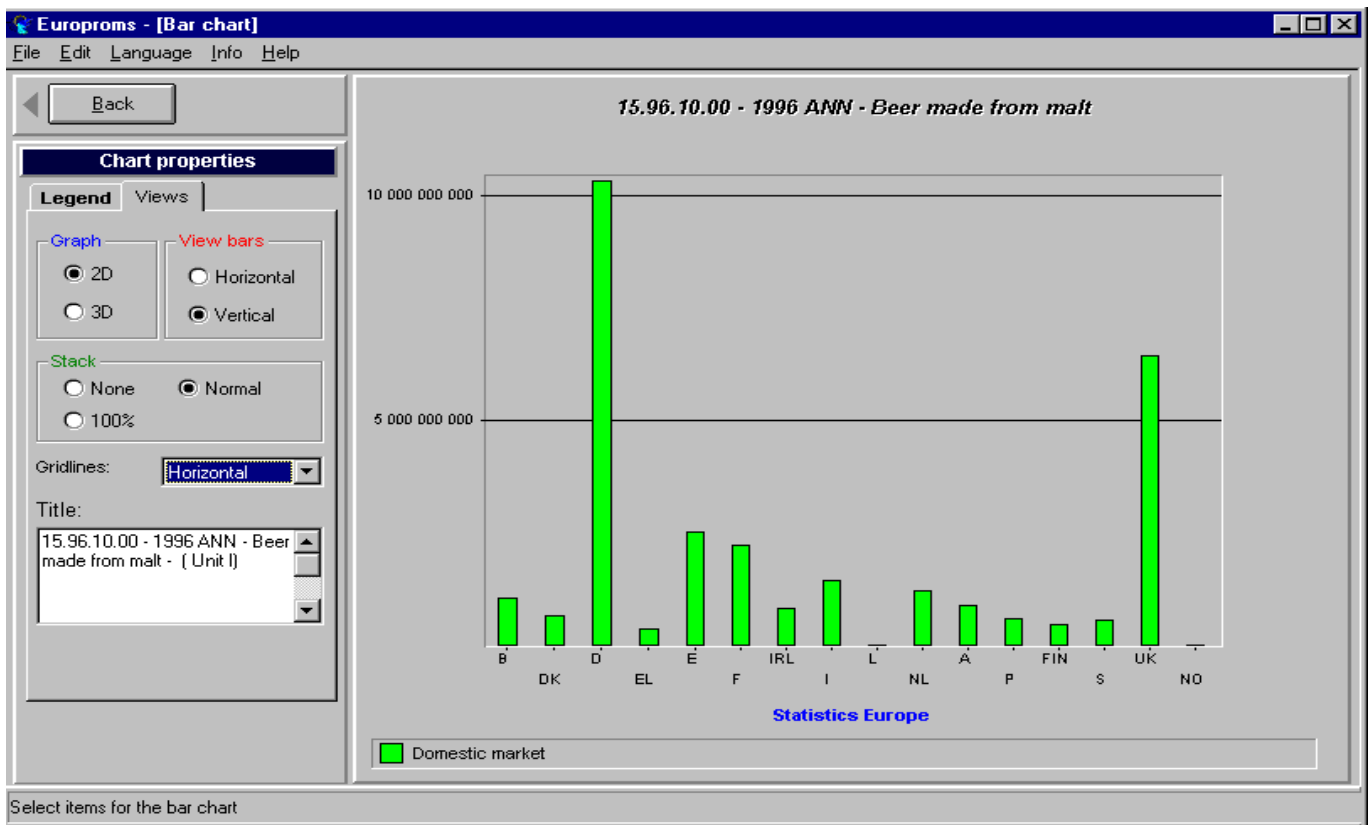


Figure 2: Standard diagram, domestic markets in the EU, litres of beer.

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