

# THE FIRST HALF OF 2014 SAW 19% DECREASE IN HDPE IMPORT INTO RUSSIA



«NIZHNEKAMSKNEFTEKHIM»  
HAS PRODUCED

**15 MILLION  
TONNES  
OF ETHYLENE**

HDPE import into Russia has decreased by 19% in the first half year comparing to the same period of the last year, Market Report informs.

The total of 124.5 thousand tonnes were imported into the country within the first six months against 153.5 thousand tonnes in the previous year. 26.4 thousand tonnes of HDPE were imported in June.

The analysts from Market Report point out that the fall in import volumes was registered in all consumer sectors except for the blow moulding PE – Russian processors increased consumption of this grade of raw material from Uzbekistan and Poland.

Supply of HDPE for extrusion coating of big diameter steel pipes in the first six months has contracted by 17% to 32.6 thousand tonnes. June saw slight demand growth from processors comparing to May – 6.1 thousand tonnes against 3.3 thousand tonnes.

Import of HDPE for pipes decreased by 16% to 32.5 thousand tonnes in the first half year. 8.4 thousand tonnes was supplied in June, 8.1 thousand tonnes – in May. Low demand for plastic pipes and high prices for foreign PE were the main reasons for HDPE import decrease.

Import volumes of injection moulding grade of HDPE decreased by 1% to 23.9 thousand tonnes within the first six months. The import volume maintained May's level of 4 thousand tonnes. Further import increase for this grade of HDPE is not expected due to export quotas that are in place in foreign markets and high prices, particularly, for Uzbek grades.

Buying of film grades HDPE decreased by 61% to 10.4 thousand tonnes in the first half year. Supply volume is expected to increase due to the planned closures for renovation of some Russian producers in July–September.

Import of HDPE for other consumption sectors in the same period decreased to 5.9 thousand tonnes against 6.3 thousand tonnes in the previous year.

Production of HDPE at Stavrolen will only resume in January 2015. Planned renovation is expected at Gazprom Neftekhim Salavat and Nizhnekamskneftekhim in the coming months. Russian producers have decrease production of HDPE by 13% to 373 thousand tonnes.

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In April 2014 OJSC Nizhnekamskneftekhim ethylene plant had produced 15-millionth tonne of ethylene since the start of its operation and 7-millionth tonne of propylene, derived along with ethylene during hydrocarbon crude pyrolysis. The Plant had produced a record number of ethylene, over 605 thousand tonnes, 100.2% of previous year's level.

OJSC Nizhnekamskneftekhim is the largest petrochemical company with leading positions in production of synthetic rubber and plastics in Russian Federation. The company is founded in 1967 with major production facilities in Nizhnekamsk, Tatarstan Republic. OJSC Nizhnekamskneftekhim is a part of TAIF Group of companies.

## START-UP OF THE NEW LINE AT SIBGAZAPPARAT

The start-up of the new line for PE pipes with diameters from 225 mm to 400 mm took place at SIBGAZAPPARAT plant in Tyumen on 10 April 2014. The line will produce long-expected 355 mm PE 100 SDR 17–26 pipes that are in great demand.

The plant has commissioned the new injection moulding machine for fitting production, sizes up to 160 mm. It is also expecting to put a new extrusion line for 500–1000 mm pipes into operation.

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