

Methanol Global Price Forecast Methodology

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The ICIS Methanol Global price forecast report is a brief monthly publication that can be accessed via the Dashboard.

The report provides:

- a monthly forecast of the ex-tank domestic east China and spot CFR China methanol prices, extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Methanol China price report edited by Sam Liang and Kite Chong.
- a monthly forecast of the spot CFR West Coast India methanol price, extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Methanol Asia Pacific price report edited by Kite Chong.
- a monthly forecast of the spot CFR southeast Asia methanol price, extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Methanol Asia Pacific price report edited by Kite Chong.
- a monthly forecast of the methanol FOB Rotterdam T2 spot price, extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Methanol Europe price report edited by Vicky Ellis.
- a monthly forecast of the methanol US Gulf barges contract price, extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Methanol US Gulf price report edited by Lane Kelley.
- Price forecasts are for the current month and the following 11 months, i.e. 12 months in total.
- The forecasts are made by consultants Moritz Lank, based in the ICIS office in Sutton, London, Rachel Qian, based in the ICIS office in Shanghai, China, and James Ray/Ed Sporic, based in the ICIS office in Houston, Texas.
- Data is compiled in the last few days of a month (Month -1) so that a report can be produced and published at the end of the first full week of Month 0 covering the period Month 0 to Month 11.
- Prices are published in the assessed currency and converted to \$/tonne for comparison.

Elements within the methanol price forecast include:

- Supply-demand data for methanol including regional imports, exports, global plant shutdowns and new capacities.
- Downstream methanol derivative demand forecasts, and specifically for methanol-to-olefins production in China.
- A NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas price forecast.
- A Brent crude oil price forecast.
- Where information is provided from a third party, this data is attributed in a footnote.

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- a) The information gathered in the process of making this ICIS price forecast does not flow back to the ICIS price reporting editorial staff.
- b) Confidential information that is gathered by ICIS editorial staff in the process of price reporting is not permitted to be included in the ICIS methanol price forecasting process.

The price forecast series are made available through a 'Price Forecast' window on the ICIS Dashboard. The window enables price forecast series generated over the last 12 months to be charted and downloaded, along with up to 12 months' worth of price history.

Where a price forecast series is charted and downloaded in a currency other than its assessed currency, the 16:00 UTC foreign exchange rate, as provided by www.xe.com, from the first of the month in which the forecast series was generated is applied to all price forecasts within that forecast series. Where the first of the month is a non-publishing day, the prior publishing day's 16:00 UTC foreign exchange rate is applied. ICIS provides charting and downloads in alternate currencies as a guide only.

Our recommendation would be to chart and download in original assessed currency and to apply your own selected foreign exchange rates.