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Price Forecast Methodology: Plasticizers



The ICIS Plasticizers Asia and Europe price forecasts are of monthly average prices. The forecasts are updated on a monthly review cycle but can be updated more frequently in case of major market developments. Price forecasts cover the current month and the following 17 months, ie 18 months in total.

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1. Asia-Pacific: Forecast of the monthly average spot CFR China diisononyl phthalate (DINP), CFR East Asia dioctyl phthalate (DOP) and CFR China dioctyl terephthalate (DOTP) prices, and the monthly average spot FOB Asia NE DINP price - extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Plasticizers Asia-Pacific price report.
2. Europe: Monthly forecast of the spot FD northwest Europe prices for DINP, DOTP and dipropylheptyl phthalate (DPHP), extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Plasticizers Europe price report.

Elements considered in the Plasticizers price forecasts include:

1. Supply-demand data for Plasticizers including regional imports, exports, plant shutdowns and new capacities.
2. Downstream demand forecasts, eg PVC.
3. Oxo-alcohols and Propylene price forecasts in Europe and Asia.
4. Spot price movements across all regions.

ICIS also shows historical and forecast feedstock plasticizer pricing, and the historical and forecast spread between plasticizer pricing and propylene per month.

Prices are forecast in the currency they are assessed in. For spreads analysis, where feedstock currency may differ from product currency, exchange rates from www.xe.com are used for historical data series. For forecast series, ICIS uses the exchange rate from the date of analysis.