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# Polystyrene Price Forecast Methodology



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The ICIS Polystyrene Europe and Polystyrene Asia-Pacific price forecasts are of monthly 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.

The forecast pages provide:

1. Monthly forecasts of the GPPS and HIPS domestic prices in Europe, extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Polystyrene Europe price report.
2. Monthly forecast of the average spot CFR NE Asia GPPS price, extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Polystyrene Asia-Pacific price report.
3. Monthly forecast of the average spot CFR NE Asia HIPS price, extending the historical gross prices reported in the ICIS Polystyrene Asia-Pacific price report.

Elements within the evaluation of the price forecasts include:

1. Supply-demand data for PS, including imports, exports and plant outages.
2. Styrene and butadiene pricing in Europe and Asia.
3. PS production margins.
4. Analysis of PS end-use markets such as electronics, consumer goods, packaging and construction.
5. Assessment of market sentiment.

Prices are published in the assessed currency. Where information is provided from a third party, this is clearly attributed. Historical and forecast prices can be downloaded using the ICIS Excel Plug-In.