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LIVERPOOL - COAL TAR PRODUCTS

A recent report from Consul Robert R. Patterson regarding the market conditions for chemicals for the Liverpool Consular District contained the following on coal-tar products: The most noteworthy section of the heavy chemical market has been that of coal-tar products, in which a very good business is reported for September. Several reductions in wholesale prices are noted. It was reported that a shortage was likewise apparent in crude naphthalene and that the local manufacturers of this product were having difficulty in meeting the demands.

TIENTSIN - DYES

The following is abstracted from the "October Bulletin" published by the Associated American Chambers of Commerce of China: "There has been a steady and increasing demand for foreign dyes during the first six months of 1923 in Tientsin. It is thought that a considerable part of the imports of this commodity during the first six months came from America. There are practically no German dyes coming into the market at the present time because of the Ruhr situation and conditions in the interior."

ENGLAND - DYES - CHEMICALS

In value, imports into the United Kingdom of chemicals, drugs and dyes (and colors) during the nine months to September (the period referred to throughout the report) in the current year rose by £1,655,235 or nearly 20 per cent above that for 1922, and £14,149, over 1921, the aggregate this year amounting to £9,998,879.

Chief among the commodities showing increased values compared with 1922, were acetic acid, nitrate of soda, calcium carbide, nickel oxide, zinc oxide, and extracts for tanning, while crude glycerin, unenumerated potassium compounds, and unenumerated coal-tar dyes comprised the most conspicuous decreases.

Contrasted with a year ago the chief items which were imported to a greater extent included borax, calcium carbide, red lead and orange lead, nickel oxide, nitrate of soda, other sodium compounds, intermediate coal tar products (for use in the manufacture of dyes), synthetic indigo, and extracts for tanning; but there were marked falls in receipts of crude and distilled glycerin, alizarin, and natural indigo.

The British imports of dyes during the nine months, January-September, 1922 and 1923 were:

	QUANTITIES		VALUES	
	1922	1923	1922	1923
	CWTS	CWTS	POUNDS	POUNDS
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Dyes and Dyestuffs (except dye woods & raw dyeing substances) and extracts for dyeing and tanning				
Intermediate coal-tar products used in manufacture of dyes (including aniline oil & salt, & phenyl glycine)	9	1,127	155	11,600

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	QUANTITIES		VALUES	
	1922	1923	1922	1923
	CWTS	CWTS	£	£
Finished dyestuffs obtained from coal-tar				
Alizarine	8,475	6,827	43,457	46,575
Indigo, synthetic		8,063		11,579
Other sorts	27,785	31,674	949,151	688,616
Extracts for dyeing				
Dutch	28,627	37,854	45,751	56,155
Other sorts	68,858	58,261	331,928	248,949
Indigo, natural	1,161	654	40,266	23,758
Coal-tar products not elsewhere specified			415,570	526,734

The aggregate value of the British exports of chemicals, drugs, and dyes advanced to £18,847,686, a rise of £3,590,993 or 23 per cent contrasted with 1922, and of £4,198,602 or 28 per cent above 1921. The principal items contributing to the increased aggregate value included ammonium sulphate, benzol and toluol, tar oil creosote, etc., disinfectants, glycerin and dyes and dyestuffs, the products of coal-tar, all of which much larger quantities were exported; benzol and toluol rose from 51,394 gallons last year to 1,141,541 gallons, tar oil creosote from 20,743,659 gallons to 35,441,282 gallons and coal-tar dyes and dyestuffs from 34,958 hundredweight to 84,114 hundredweight, while the average export price of the last named showed a marked fall.

The exports of chemicals and dyes during the nine months, January-September, 1922 and 1923 were:

	QUANTITIES		VALUES	
	1922	1923	1922	1923
			£	£
Anthracene	115:cwts	1,713	90	1,028
Benzol & toluol	51,394:gls.	1,141,541	7,791	93,398
Carbolic acid	111,267:cwts	100,885	217,301	304,257
Naptha	33,521:gls.	98,427	5,705	11,060
Napthalene	20,032:cwts	149,620	18,303	88,830
Tar oil, creosote, etc.	20,743,659:gls.	35,441,282	589,239	1,267,336
Other coal-tar products n e s	219,215:cwts	294,672	131,069	160,111
Dyes and dyestuffs except dye-woods & raw dyeing substances				
Coal-tar	34,958:cwts	84,114	466,794	691,914
Other sorts	36,512:cwts	49,410	71,080	73,804

(Report from Alfred Nutting, Clerk, American Consulate-General, London, England, October 23, 1923.)

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