



Overview of Chemicals Market

Over the past several years, China has experienced steady growth in both the import and export of chemicals (which include agricultural chemicals, industrial chemicals, petrochemicals, and plastics). According to the International Council of Chemical Associations, China is the 8th largest chemical importing nation and the 12th largest chemical exporting nation in the world. The United States is the only country that enjoys a slight trade surplus with China in the area of chemicals. It is expected that China will continue to rely on foreign imports in the foreseeable future.

Opportunities and Trends

The best opportunity for US companies to penetrate the South Chinese chemicals market is in the area of fine and specialty chemicals. The development of the domestic fine and specialty chemicals industry has been limited to the production of low-end general purpose chemicals. Consequently, there is particular demand for foreign imports of higher-end fine and specialty chemicals which are non-toxic and environmentally safe. Potential opportunities for U.S. suppliers are especially present in the following chemical categories:

- Construction and industrial coatings
- Environmental protection (such as chemicals for water treatment and soil treatment)
- Plastics and rubber
- Personal care (such as cosmetics, perfumes, and household cleaning products)
- Leather tanning
- Dye, pigments, and other chemicals used in textiles



South China Snapshot:

Chemicals

Major Upcoming Trade Shows:

PCHi 2010 (Personal Care Ingredients Show)

February 22-24, 2011

Shenzhen, China

www.PCHi-China.com

CHINA INTERDYE 2011 - The 10th China International Dye Industry, Pigments and Textile Chemicals Exhibition

April 26-28, 2011

Shanghaiart and Intex Shanghai

www.chinainterdy.com

ChinaPlas 2011 – 25th International Exhibition on Plastics and Rubber Industries

May 17-20, 2011

Guangzhou, China

www.chinaplasonline.com

All China Leather Exhibition 2011

September 6-8, 2011

Shanghai, China

www.aplf.com

CHINACOAT (The China Int'l Exhibition for Coatings, Printing Inks and Adhesives)

November 23-25, 2011

Shanghai, China

<http://www.chinacoat.net>

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