Emulsion suppliers stand to benefit from robust growth in the output of higher quality coatings, paper, and adhesives, particularly in the quickly expanding manufacturing centers of Southeast Asia. Worldwide, the ongoing displacement of solventborne coatings and adhesives with environmentally friendly water-based types -- which are manufactured using emulsion polymers -- will continue to spur sales. Water-based coatings and adhesives are seeing growing adoption, especially in industrial and specialty applications, as enhanced formulations are better able to compete with their solventborne counterparts.

China shapes global trends

Performance in the massive Chinese market -- which is forecast to account for more than one-fourth of global sales in 2020 -- will continue to shape worldwide demand trends. While a significant deceleration in manufacturing output is expected to dampen the outlook in China, strong increases in domestic production of low-VOC paints and coatings will bolster upstream demand for acrylics and other emulsion polymers.

India forecast to see fastest growth

The fastest gains in the Asia/Pacific region are projected for India, fueled by particularly strong growth in production of water-based architectural paint as household incomes rise and consumers trade up from lower priced coatings. Rapid market expansion is also forecast for Malaysia, where local production of synthetic rubber gloves, and the related usage of acrylonitrile latex, is set to continue its rapid ascent.

Acrylic-based emulsions to remain largest & fastest growing product

Acrylic-based emulsions will remain the largest and fastest growing single product type through 2020, driven by rising usage in paint and coatings, where acrylics are valued for their durability and wide range of applications. Sales gains for vinyl acetate emulsions will approximate the average, bolstered by increased output of water-based adhesives worldwide. While styrene-butadiene latex, demand is projected to slightly accelerate going forward, relatively weak growth in the output of coated paper and tufted carpeting will stymie stronger advances.

Study coverage

This Freedonia study details the global emulsion polymers market, which in 2015 totaled 10.2 million metric tons ($27.5 billion). It presents historical demand data (2005, 2010, 2015) plus forecasts (2020 and 2025) by product (acrylic, styrene-butadiene latex, vinyl acetate polymers) and market (paint and coatings, paper and paperboard coatings, adhesives, carpet backing) for 16 major countries in 6 world regions. In addition, the study provides company market shares and competitive analysis on industry players such as Arkema, BASF, Celanese, Dow Chemical, DIC, DSM, OMNOVA Solutions, Synthomer, Trinseo, and Wacker Chemie.
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Demand for emulsion polymers in Canada is forecast to grow 1.2 percent per year through 2020 to 191,000 metric tons, underperforming the regional average but representing an improvement from the 2005-2015 period. Paint and coatings will remain the leading outlet for emulsions, posting just above average gains on an acceleration in building construction spending. Emulsions suppliers will also continue to benefit from the expanding use of waterborne coatings in industrial sectors such as motor vehicles, as the performance gap between solvent-based and water-based types continues to close.

Canada's general purpose adhesives market is also expected to post above average increases through 2020. The country's position as a substantial net exporter of manufactured goods -- including in the box-intensive food sector -- will continue to bolster the production of pressure sensitive tapes and other labels, boosting the use of vinyl acetate polymer and other emulsion types. The paper coatings market for emulsions, on the other hand, is forecast to remain flat going forward, restrained by structural weakness in the country's coated paper sector.

Carpet backing adhesives are a smaller volume, though still important, outlet for emulsion polymers in Canada. In 2015, Canada ranked among the world's top 10 manufacturers of tufted carpets and rugs, and the country is expected to see output growth accelerate as construction activity expands.

Acrylics are projected to remain the top product segment in Canada through 2020, accounting for over one-third of all sales based on their widespread usage in paint and coatings applications. The fastest annual gains are expected for vinyl acetate polymer-based formulations, driven by above average growth in the general purpose adhesives market.

China: Emulsion Polymer Demand by Product & Market

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