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PPE: Market Dynamics – Butadiene & Derivatives 2017

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This Market Dynamics report provides an in-depth analysis of the butadiene value chain including:

- **Butadiene**
- **Butadiene Rubber (BR)**
- Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR)
- **Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)**

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Abstract:

Butadiene demand was robust during 2016, with the major Asian and Western markets following historic growth trends, and only Eastern Europe and South America remaining problematic.

U.S. anti-dumping duties on Chinese passenger car/light truck tyre imports remain a major influence on the global industry since their imposition in 2015. While Chinese tyre production dropped sharply in 2015 as a result, it recovered equally well in 2016. Fears that the U.S. anti-dumping duties would be extended to cover heavy truck and bus tyres were allayed, with a finding in early 2017 that no harm had been caused to U.S. suppliers as a result of the imports. The duties on passenger car and light truck (PCLT) tyres have however had wide ranging effects, creating winners and losers in all regions. Some countries with spare capacity to produce low priced PCLT tyres have benefited, replacing China's position in the U.S. market. Other countries have lost tyre production however, as Chinese exports which had previously targeted the U.S. found new markets in developing regions.

The global market for crude C4 is expected to tighten in the coming years as the butadiene market continues to grow, and the rate of crude C4 supply growth from steam crackers declines. The low energy prices in recent years have slowed the progression of the shale industry in North America, but cost reduction and efficiency improvements have allowed a recovery in gas supply growth, and the volumes of excess NLGs for export from the United States will be a defining factor in olefins markets globally in the coming years.

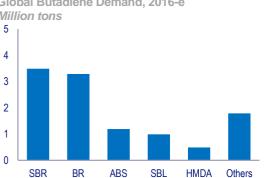


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Chapters 3 to 6 are segmented by key geographic region:

- North America
- South America
- Western Europe
- Central and Eastern Europe
- Middle East and Africa
- Asia Pacific

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