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Summary

The statistics compiled in this publication originate from data reported by many published sources including: annual reviews; press releases; various EU trade associations; and statistical data from the British Glass library and archives. (The British Glass library/archive is the UK's only dedicated library of glass technology and has been an avid collector of glass statistics since its formation in 1959). This report contains the most up-to-date information on the current state of the glass container industry in Europe (and other countries). Attention has been given to checking references to provide the most accurate data available.

After a short introduction, the report begins with a full rundown of the current situation within the UK glass container industry, detailing UK capacity and production figures (in tonnes for the entire sector), as well as an overview of the UK market. New additional tables have been submitted showing import/export data in Euros for all EU countries. Tables are provided for each country showing company, site and number of furnaces, together with a short resume of each company. Full contact details are included. Data are provided on the UK glass manufacturers' sales of glass containers (£ = based on EU Prodcom Commodity Code for the hollow glass sector, Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 26130. (CN 7010). Tables of the top 10 UK glass container imports and exports data for 2008 are presented by country. An overview of the current market situation in the UK is given, together with an explanation of relevant environmental legislation. The UK section finishes with the latest assessment of the industry presented by UK trade federation, British Glass, as well as a presentation on the current situation with regard to glass container recycling.

The report then goes on to cover other European countries with a list of manufacturers shown for each country, sites named and numbers of furnaces at each site are also presented. A "quick look" summary for each country is set out as a short, easy to view table. Further tables showing glass container imports and exports for 2008, and in terms of value (i.e. Euros), as well as tonnage production listed **by colour** are given. A resume of each container manufacturer is presented.

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