

3 . Trends of caustic soda domestic demand

(Unit: 1,000 tons)

Fiscal year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Application										
Paper &pulp	445	432	429	407	414	437	443	434	428	401
Chemical fibers	122	118	118	104	88	84	78	75	78	79
Dyeing & finishing	104	113	112	98	92	94	94	101	100	92
Alumina	128	116	127	110	118	116	117	112	105	101
Foods	132	135	135	129	139	143	163	159	154	148
Nonferrous metals	110	118	119	104	105	107	112	103	109	121
Electric/electronic	96	101	108	98	97	100	103	101	107	110
Pharmaceuticals & agrochemicals	47	49	51	46	82	81	82	82	72	42
Iron & steel	47	50	51	45	46	50	47	49	55	53
Water supply & sewage	78	78	78	73	63	64	61	63	64	60
Inorganic Chemicals	629	622	639	594	593	592	604	579	557	552
Organic chemicals/petrochemicals	387	409	417	386	388	393	418	399	420	401
Dyes & intermediates	115	114	110	108	103	98	104	99	97	99
Soaps & detergents	96	94	88	79	71	69	69	70	69	71
Electrolysis soda	134	134	124	123	120	126	99	101	99	89
Plastics	172	171	164	155	160	155	153	160	161	167
Other Chemical applications	497	537	563	583	636	621	678	668	693	754
Others	363	378	350	372	370	367	366	432	418	509
Total	3,702	3,769	3,783	3,614	3,685	3,697	3,791	3,787	3,786	3,849