

## 8. Trends in the import of salt as raw material in the soda industry

(Unit: 1,000 tons, share in %)

Fiscal year	Quantity imported	Import by country							
		Mexico		Australia		India		China	
		Quantity	Share	Quantity	Share	Quantity	Share	Quantity	Share
1998	7,068	3,659	51.8	3,339	47.2	14	0.2	56	0.8
1999	7,614	3,803	49.9	3,698	48.6	-	-	113	1.5
2000	7,618	4,361	57.3	2,966	38.9	47	0.6	244	3.2
2001	6,922	3,422	46.4	2,955	42.7	290	4.2	255	3.7
2002	6,922	3,148	45.5	3,214	46.4	345	5.0	215	3.1
2003	7,012	3,085	44.0	3,259	46.5	420	6.0	248	3.5
2004	7,517	3,542	47.1	3,470	46.2	358	4.7	147	2.0
2005	7,427	3,397	45.7	3,592	48.4	361	4.9	77	1.0
2006	7,217	3,245	45.0	3,530	48.9	439	6.1	3	0.0
2007	7,382	3,367	45.6	3,319	45.0	696	9.4	-	-