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Surfactants can form a foam, facilitate the removal of dirt, and enable the mixture of water and oil. Despite concerns of environmentalists, these surface active chemicals are found in almost every household and are also used in numerous industrial applications. In 2016, a worldwide turnover of USD 31 billion was achieved. For the third time already, Ceresana analyzed the global market: The latest report expects an AAGR of 3.1%.

Surfactants are made from petroleum derivatives but can also be obtained from natural raw materials such as sugar, vegetable oils or vegetable soaps. The types of surfactants mainly differ in opposed polarity and different charges. The study examines anionic, cationic, non-ionic, and other surfactants. Important figures such as demand, import, and export are given both for these main groups and for individual product types. Anionic surfactants are currently the most important group with a global market share of 49%. However, the strongest growth market are non-ionic surfactants. Fatty alcohol ethoxylates (FAEO) dominate this type.

Asia-Pacific is by far the largest consumer of surfactants with a world market share of 38%. There are clear differences in regard to the used product types: While Asia accounted for a market share of 43% of alkylbenzene sulfonates (LAS) in 2016, consumers in Western Europe and North America dominate the market for alkyl sulfates (FAS), alkyl ether sulfates (FAES), and alcohol ethoxy sulfates (AES) with a share of 60%.

Surfactants are used in numerous applications. The best-known applications are cleaners and detergents for households as they help to remove dirt as washing-active substances. Around 55% of the demand in 2016 was registered by this segment. Besides the segments cleaners and detergents, cosmetics, and textiles, surfactants are also used in numerous industrial applications. For paints and plastics, Ceresana expects the highest global increase of 2.1% p.a. until 2024.

While demand for laundry detergent in form of powder developed more weakly in the past years, the market for liquid and highly concentrated detergents accounted for a significant growth. In dishwashing detergents, tablets account for a considerable growth. A decisive factor for the development of the cosmetics industry is the rise of private consumption. The increasing demand for surfactants on the part of the cosmetics industry can be explained by the growing awareness of personal body hygiene and the available income that has been increasing in many countries in the past years. This trend is additionally reinforced by the increasing sales of products with natural and organic ingredients.

The Study in Brief:

<u>Chapter 1</u> provides a description and analysis of the global market - including forecasts up to 2024: The development of revenues, production, and demand is analyzed for each world region. The figures are split by anionic, cationic, nonionic, and other surfactants. In addition, there is a further division into product subsegments.

<u>Chapter 2</u> examines the market in the 31 major countries in detail: Revenues, demand, production, as well as import and export are evaluated per product types. Demand for surfactants of the individual applications is described in detail.

In <u>Chapter 3</u>, the application areas are examined for Western and Eastern Europe, North and South America, Asia-Pacific, The Middle East, and Africa. Data on the development of demand are analyzed for the applications detergents and cleaners, industrial cleaners, personal care and cosmetics, textiles and leather, paints and plastics, and other applications.

In <u>Chapter 4</u>, demand for individual types is analyzed. Anionic, cationic, non-ionic, and other surfactants are considered separately. Additionally, a further subdivision of the group anionic surfactants into LAS, FAS/ FAES/ AES, and other anionic surfactants is made. The segment non-ionic surfactants is split by FAEO, other ethoxylates, and other non-ionic surfactants.

<u>Chapter 5</u> provides company profiles of the 92 largest manufacturers of surfactants – clearly arranged according to contact details, revenues, profit, product range, production sites, and profile summary. These producers include Royal Dutch Shell plc, General Electric Company, BASF SE, The Procter & Gamble Company, DowDuPont Inc., 3M Company, Akzo Nobel N.V., Evonik Industries AG, and Solvay S.A.

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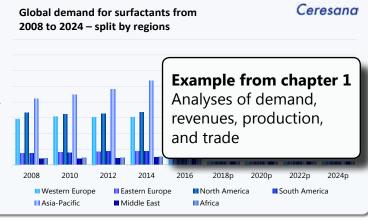
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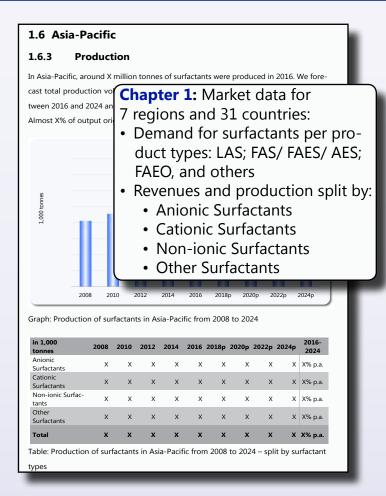
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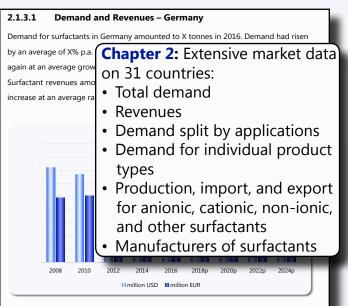
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in 1,000 tonnes	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018p	2020p	2022p	2024p	2016- 2024
Detergents and Cleaners	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.
Industrial Cleaners	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.
Personal Care and Cosmetics	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.
Textiles and Leather	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.
Paints and Plastics	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.
Other Applications	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.
Total	x	x	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.

Table: Demand for surfactants in Germany from 2008 to 2024 - split by applications

in 1,000 tonnes	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018p	2020p	2022p	2024p	2016- 2024
LAS	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a
FAS/ FAES/ AES	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a
Other anionic	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a
Anionic Surfac- tants - Total	х	х	x	x	x	х	х	х	х	X% p.a
Cationic Surfac- tants - Total	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a
FAEO	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a
Other Ethoxylates	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a
Other non-ionic	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a
Non-ionic Sur- factants - Total	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	X% p.a
Other Surfac- tants - Total	x	х	x	x	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a
Total	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a



Graph: Revenues generated with surfactants in Germany from 2008 to 2024 in billion USD and billion EUR

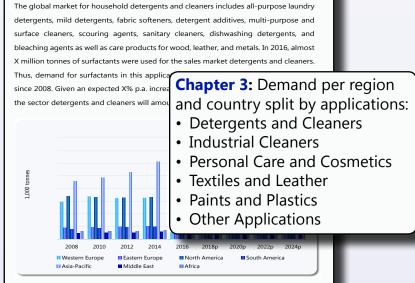
2.1.3.2 Products and Applications

The most important sales market for surfactants in 2016 was the segment detergents and cleaners. Within the next eight years, demand for surfactants in the segment personal care and cosmetics will experience the most dynamic development at rates of X% p.a.

Despite low interest rates, a low oil price, and the devaluation of the euro, Germany has only experienced a restrained upswing in the past years caused by, among others, the low global economy. However, the rather restrained demand of the global economy will increase again in 2017. The GDP growth was 1.9% in 2016 and is supposed to increase further by 1.5% in 2017. This economic growth is supported by a high private consumption and a stable labor market. In the scope of its expansive financial policy, the federal government passed an investment package of EUR 10 billion for the period 2016 to 2018. Tax reductions, rising pensions, as well as continuing migratory flows, and the related monetary transfers also provide further impulses for the German economy. Additionally, the number of employees increased in 2016, while the unemployment rate decreased. The purchase power of households is likely to rise further in 2017 and 2018, which can be explained by the growing employment figures and increasing incomes. We forecast an economic growth of 1.8% in 2018.

In the segment dishwashing detergents, especially tablets were able to account for a considerable growth in 2016. Due to cost and time saving reasons, dishwashers become more and more popular in Germany. This leads to a further rise in demand for handy dishwashing tablets. Contrary to the trend of increasingly smaller packaging sizes, laundry detergents in large economy packs are especially high in demand. This is mainly due to the cheaper prices of large packs compared to smaller packaging sizes. Furthermore, a special characteristic of German consumers is that they are especially loyal to a brand and only rarely alternate their laundry detergent. In addition, the market in Germany is largely saturated. Further growth is thus only possible in niche areas such as odor intensifiers. A decisive factor for the development of the cosmetics industry of a country is private consumption, which increased constantly in Germany in the past years and will continue to increase in the upcoming years. **Detergents and Cleaners**

3.1.1



Graph: Global demand for surfactants in the segment detergents and cleaners from 2008 to 2024 - split by regions

The largest consumer market for surfactants are cleaners and detergents: Laundry detergents, fabric softeners, dishwashing detergents, carpet cleaners, industrial cleaners (mainly automotive & building cleaners), and disinfectants in numerous different forms. Linear alkyl benzene sulfonates (LAS), alcohol ethoxylates (APE), and biocidal quats are the most widely used products in this category. However, research is carried out to replace them for environmental reasons. In general, there is a higher request for..

4.3 Non-Ionic Surfactants

4.3.1 World

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In 2016, global demand for non-ionic surfactants amounted to X million tonnes. Thus, global demand rose by, on average, X% p.a. in the past eight years. Worldwide, the

largest consumer of non-io Chapter 4: Demand split by global demand for this pro In the upcoming eight year product types:

- in Asia-Pacific. Demand in t Alkyl Benzene Sulfonates [LAS]
- million tonnes in 2024. In te Alkyl Sulfates / Alkyl Ether Sulconsumed in 2024. Compar fates / Alcohol Ethoxy Sulfates [FAS/ FAES/ AES]
 - Other Anionic Surfactants
 - Cationic Surfactants
 - Fatty Alcohol Ethoxylates [FAEO]
 - Other Ethoxylates

 - Other Non-Ionic Surfactants Other Surfactants

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Graph: Global demand for non-ionic surfactants from 2008 to 2024 - split by regions

The heads of non-ionic surfactants are not electrically charged and for example consist of multiple alcohols, ethers or ethoxylates. Non-ionic surfactants act as fat solvents in laundry detergents, domestic cleaning agents, and dishwashing detergents. They are not deactivated by calcium or magnesium, are very soluble, offer good solubility and low temperature properties, and form less foam. Combinations of anionic surfactants and non-ionic surfactants are resistant to hard water in laundry detergents. Fatty acid monoglycerides and esters of fatty acids with sugar serve as emulsifiers in foods and cosmetics. Non-ionic sugar surfactants are gaining importance because they are hardly toxic and usually better biodegradable than most anionic surfactants.

4.3.1.1 Fatty Alcohol Ethoxylates (FAEO)

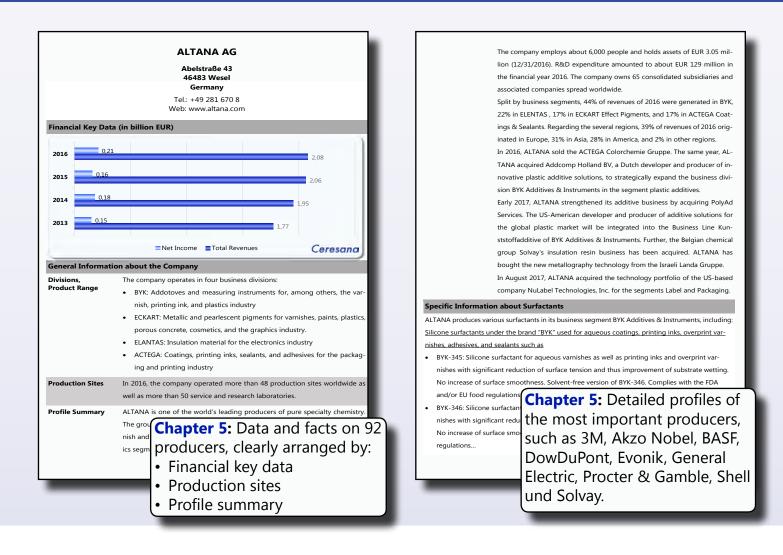
About X million tonnes of FAEO were processed worldwide in 2016. Fatty alcohol ethoxylates are a group of non-ionic surfactants that are produced from fatty alcohols and ethylene oxides and offer a high detergency and dispersion properties. They are used in body care products, cosmetics, ointments, and liquid and powder detergents, but also for technical emulsifiers and other industrial applications. FAEO do not foam as much as fatty alcohol sulfates. Compared to ester surfactants, they are very resistant to acids and bases.

in 1,000 tonnes	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018p	2020p	2022p	2024p	2016- 2024
Western Europe	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.
Eastern Europe	х	х	х	х	х	×	×	×	х	X% p.a.
North America	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.
South America	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	x	х	X% p.a.
Asia-Pacific	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.
Middle East	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	x	х	X% p.a.
Africa	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.
Total	х	x	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	X% p.a.

Table: Global demand for FAEO from 2008 to 2024 - split by regions

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