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Since End Of May The Market For Dyestuffs Has Gone Totally Crazy!

Producers in Asia now have to deal with the same problems the former European dyestuff production faced already in the 1980s.

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More stringent environmental regulations in Asia have recently led to various plant closures of many important raw material producers. Thus the dyestuff- and textile industry throughout the world is confronted with an unprecedented challenge. The prices for many preliminary products of various dyestuff classes are at an all-time high. Furthermore producers of dyestuffs are confronted with a drastic shortage of intermediate products which leads to a general shortage of the finished dyestuffs. Due to this situation prices increased on an extraordinary scale. Since end of May, prices of certain dyes for polyester and acrylic as well as vat dyes (indanthrene) for cotton have been raised three times.

Most strongly affected are the



prices for acrylic dyestuffs and the vat dyes which increased by 40 - 50 %. For polyester dyes we record prices 30 % higher.



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The lowest increase so far has been in reactive dyes for cotton as well as acid dyes for polyamide. These prices increased by an average of 10%. The black dyes of these two substrates, however, have become 25% more expensive.

Generally, dyes of brilliant blue shades are worst affected. Here we record increases of up to 150%. This is due to the chemism of these dyestuffs for which anthraquinone is needed as a carrier. Currently many dyestuff producers, especially in China, are being monitored and audited by the government. By the end of the year decisions are to be made as to which companies will be allowed to produce again.

Unfortunately, we cannot give the all-clear yet because we do not know how the situation is going to develop. It is possible that there will be an ease by beginning of next year, but this is not at all certain.

Since we usually buy major units of dyestuffs due to quality reasons, we do have considerable stocks at present. For the time being this enables us to keep prices stable for the major part of our running production and current contracts. For new colors and contracts, however, we will be forced to assume the replacement values of the dyestuffs. The new prices of our **stock-service program "OCEAN"**, for example, already include a part of the price increase of dyes.

Please be assured that your supply with dyed yarns is not endangered. Nevertheless we feel obliged to draw your attention to the recent development. The situation is not entirely new to us. Already in 2012/13 we faced similar problems.

The current price increases and shortages of raw material do not confine

to the German or European market, it is a global phenomenon. In Asia, too, dyeing and finishing of textiles becomes more and more expensive. All things considered, for us as Europeans, this represents an opportunity to question certain supply chains.

As we keep close contact to our dyestuff suppliers, we will always be able to inform you promptly about the further development.

We will continue to be your reliable partner for yarn and color and we hope that together we will be able to design the future of our textile industry.



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