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		2015	2016	2017
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	IMF Scenario			
	% change			
	Downside Scenario			
	% change			
	Alt. Supply Scenario			
	% change			
	Natural Rubber Demand			
Demand	IMF Scenario			
Demand	% change			
Demand	Downside Scenario			
Demand	% change			
Demand	Alt. Supply Scenario			
Demand	% change			
	Synthetic Rubber Demand			
	IMF Scenario			
	% change			
	Downside Scenario			
	% change			
	Alt. Supply Scenario			
	% change			
	Natural Rubber Supply			
Supply	IMF Scenario			
Supply	% change			
Supply	Downside Scenario			
Supply	% change			
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ADB	Asian Development Bank
ANRPC	Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
BR	Poly-Butadiene Rubber
CFR	Cost-and-Freight
CIF	Cost, Insurance and Freight
CR	Poly-Chloroprene Rubber
ECB	European Central Bank
EPDM	Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer
EMEA	Europe, Middle East and Africa
EU	European Union
FOB	Free-On-Board
FRED	Federal Reserve Economic Data
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank
HIIR/IIR	Halogenated/Isobutylene Isoprene Rubber
IISRP	International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IR	Poly-Isoprene Rubber
ITRC	International Tripartite Rubber Council
MHCV	Medium/Heavy Commercial Vehicle
MOM	Month-On-Month
NBR	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber
NR	Natural Rubber
OPEC	Organisation for Petroleum Exporting Countries
PMI	Purchasing Managers Index
QOQ	Quarter-On-Quarter
RMA	Rubber Manufacturers Association
RSS	Ribbed Smoked Sheet
SBR	Styrene Butadiene Rubber
SHFE	Shanghai Futures Exchange
SGX	Singapore Exchange Ltd
SICOM	Singapore Commodity Exchange (Contract migrated to Singapore Exchange Ltd as of 16 May 2011)
SIR	Standard Indonesian Rubber
SMR	Standard Malaysian Rubber
SR	Synthetic Rubber
STR	Standard Thai Rubber
TOCOM	Tokyo Commodity Exchange
TPE	Thermoplastic Elastomer
TSR	Technically Specified Rubber
USS	Un-smoked Sheet
YOY	Year-On-Year
YTD:	Year-To-Date

Chapter Guide

All growth rates within the texts of chapters refer to YOY, unless otherwise stated.

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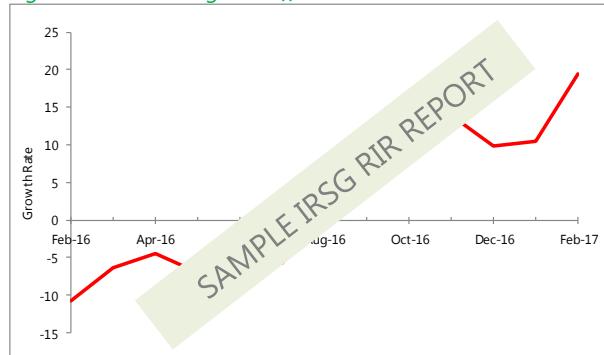
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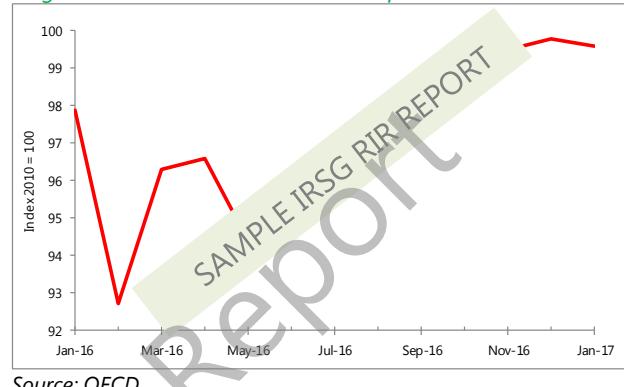
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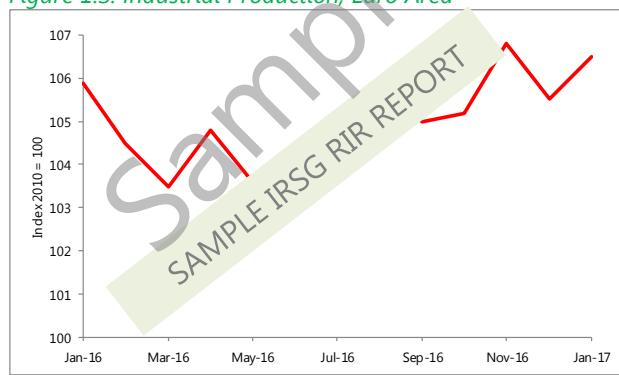
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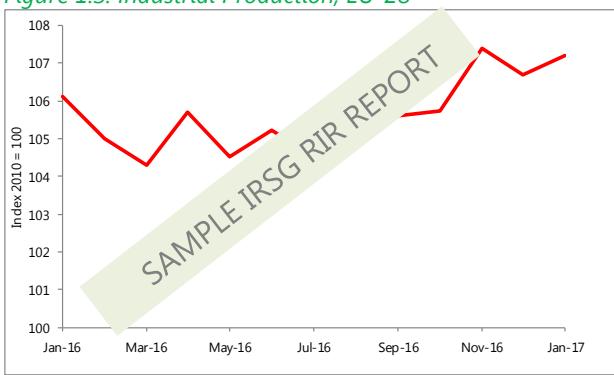
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Figure 1.3: Industrial Production, EU-28

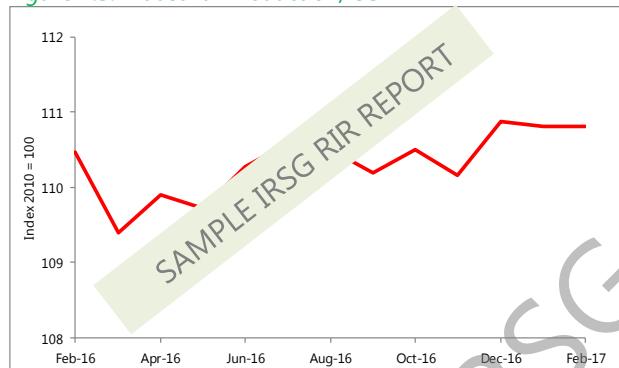
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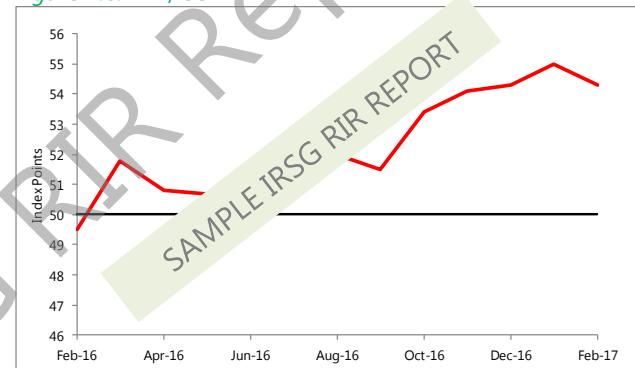
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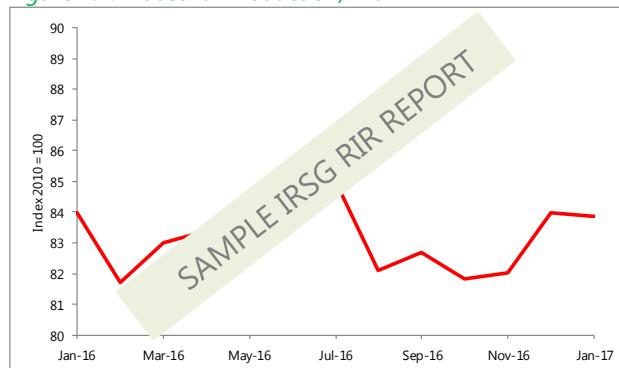
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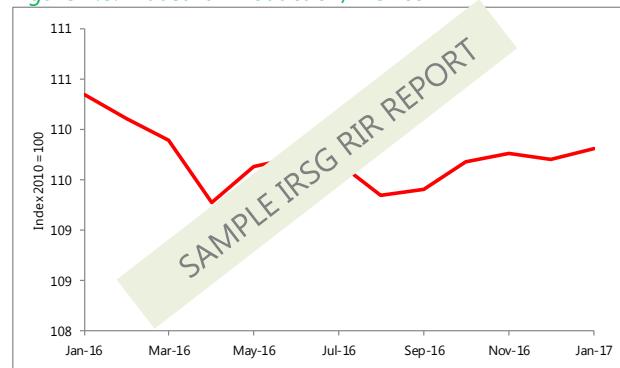
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Figure 1.7: Industrial Production, Brazil

Source: OECD

Figure 1.8: Industrial Production, Mexico

Source: OECD

Table 1.1: GDP Growth (percent)

	Annual Growth Rates						Quarterly Growth Rates				Projections	
	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2018
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
World												
China												
Japan												
India												
Euro Area												
Brazil												
Mexico												
USA												

Source: IMF, OECD

Rubber Consumption

Total Rubber Consumption

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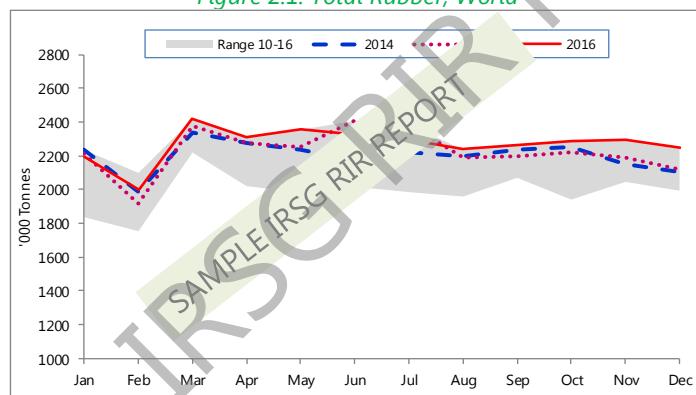


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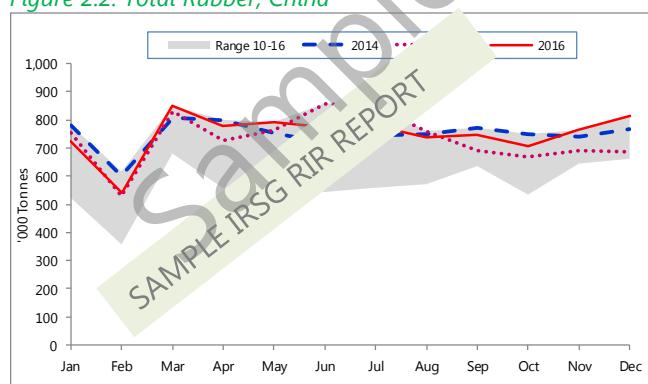


Figure 2.3: Total Rubber, Asia-Pacific Ex. China

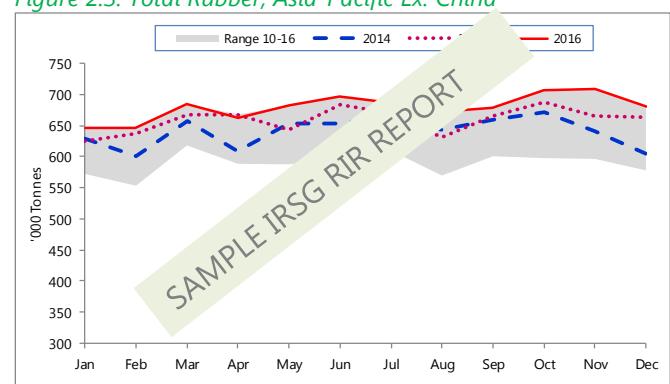
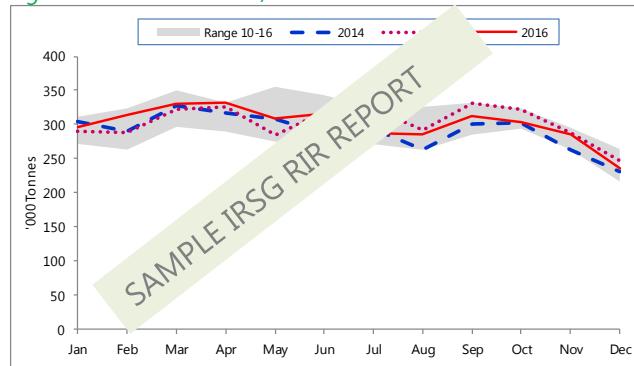
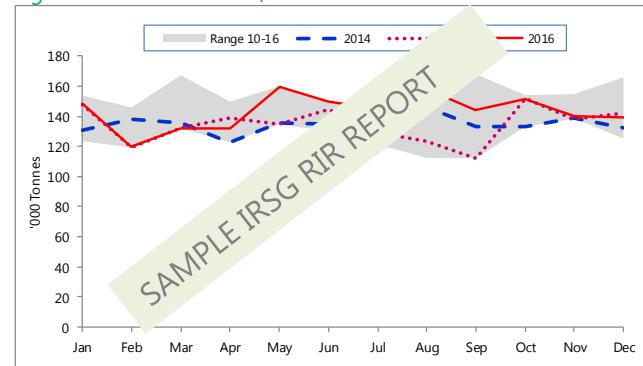
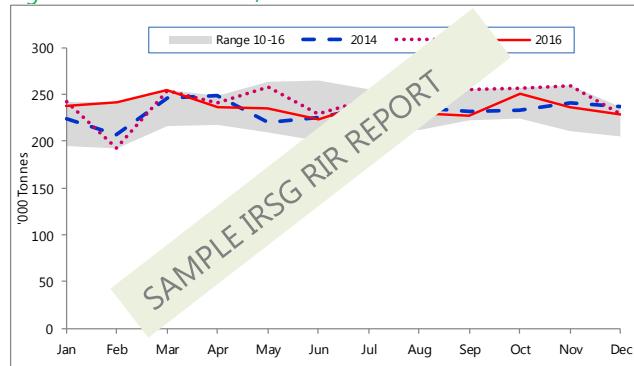
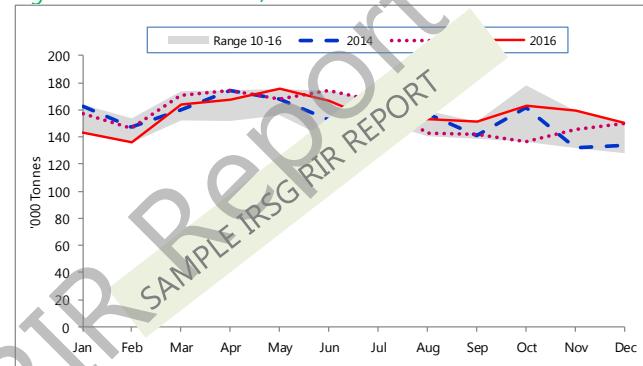


Figure .2.4: Total Rubber, EU-28**Figure 2.5: Total Rubber, EMEA Ex. EU-28****Figure 2.6: Total Rubber, USA****Figure 2.7: Total Rubber, Americas Ex. USA****Table 2.1: Summary of Total Rubber Consumption**

Quantity in '000 Tonnes	Total Rubber Consumption in '000 Tonnes											
	Monthly						Quarterly			Year-to-Date		
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '16	Jan-Mar '17		
World												
China												
Asia-Pacific Ex. China												
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Americas Ex. USA												
Year-on-Year Growth Rates, Per Cent												
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Natural Rubber Consumption

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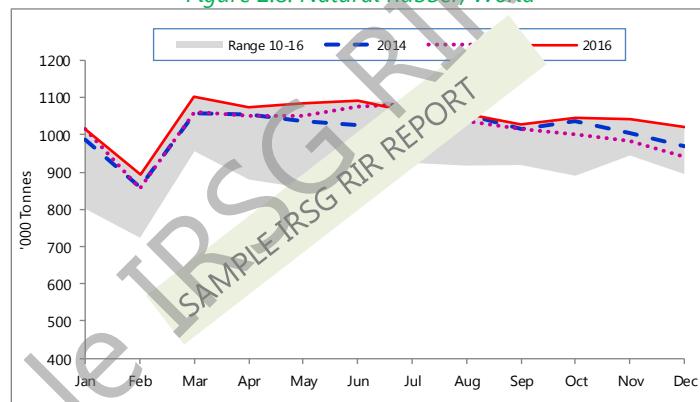


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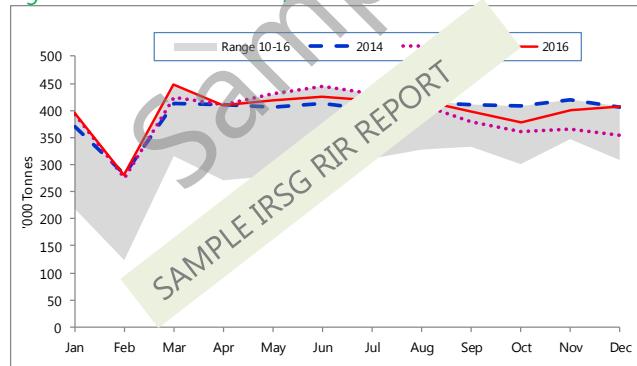


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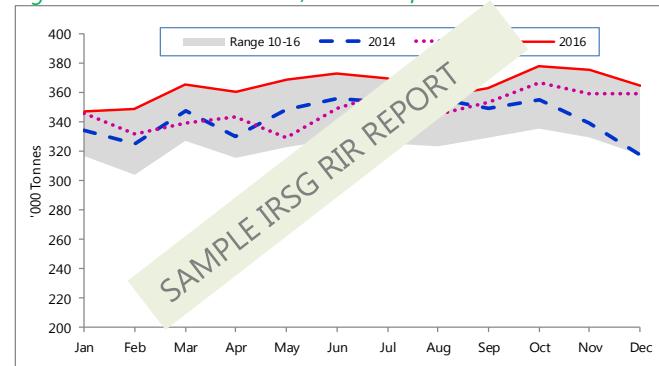
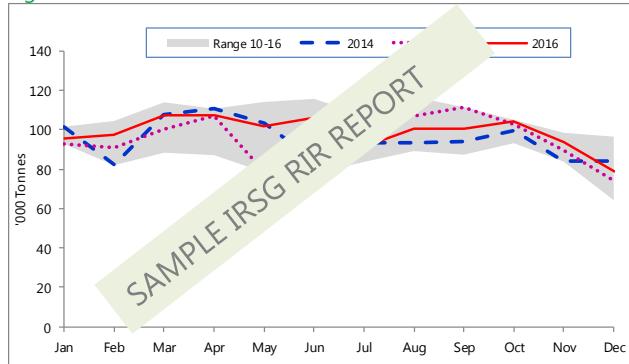
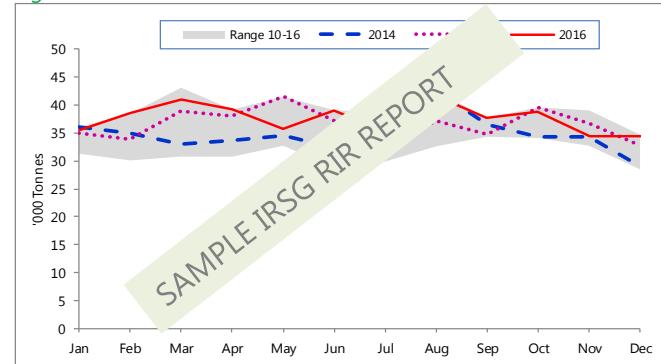
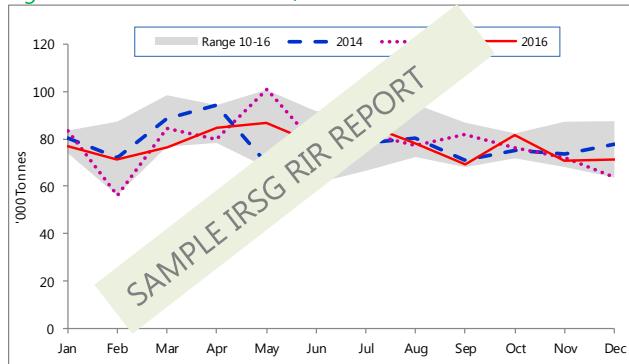
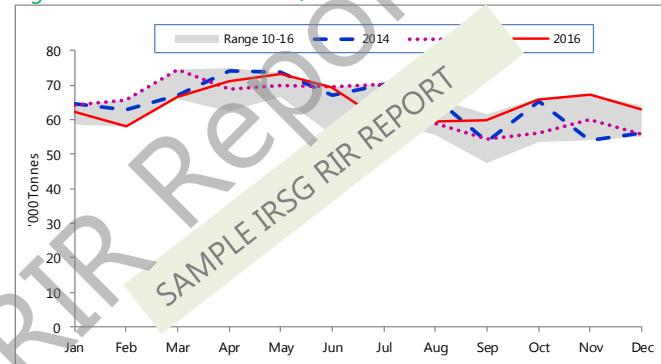


Figure 2.11: Natural Rubber, EU-28**Figure 2.12: Natural Rubber, EMEA Ex. EU-28****Figure 2.13: Natural Rubber, USA****Figure 2.14: Natural Rubber, Americas Ex. USA****Table 2.2: Summary of Natural Rubber Consumption**

Quantity in '000 Tonnes	Total Natural Rubber Consumption in '000 Tonnes											
	Monthly						Quarterly			Year-to-Date		
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '16	Jan-Mar '17		
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Synthetic Rubber Consumption

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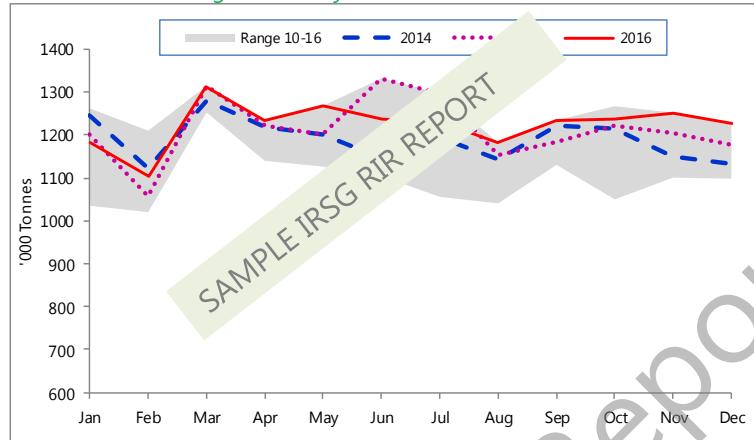


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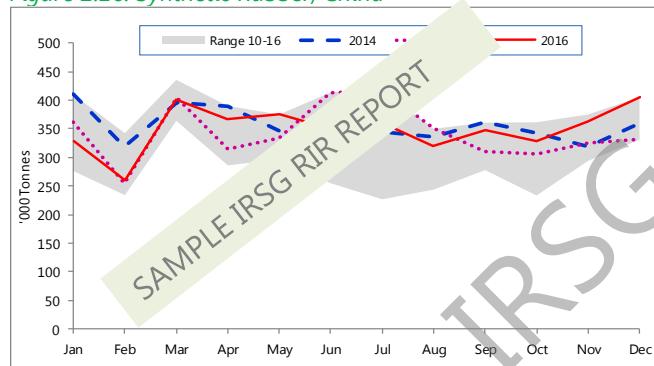


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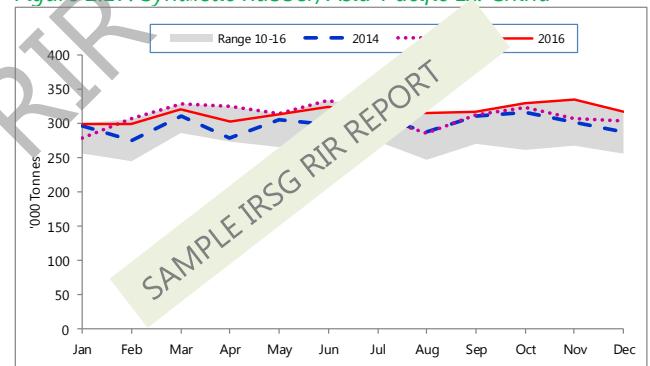


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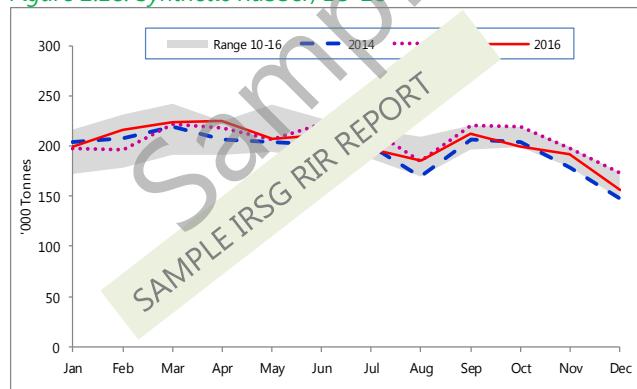


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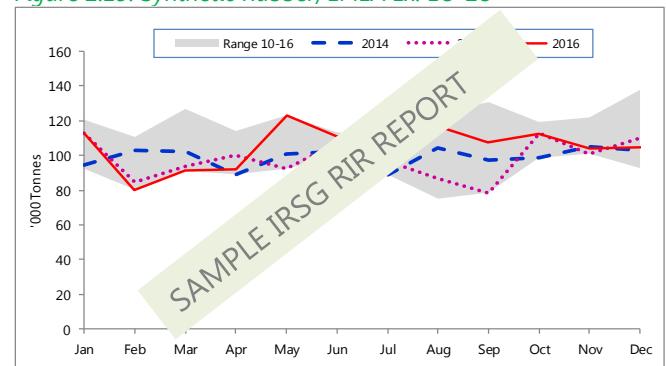
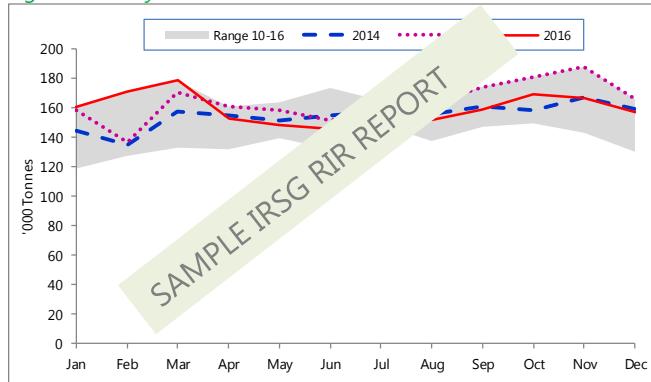
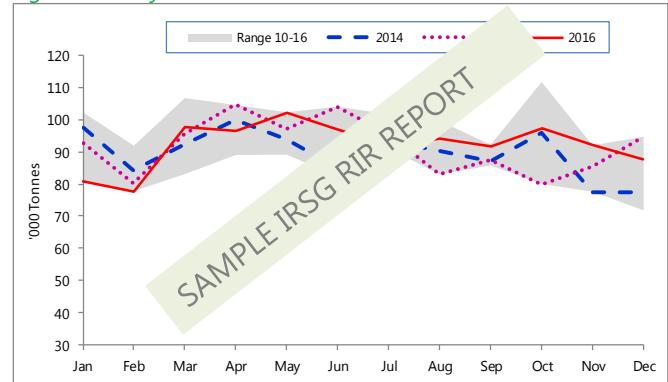


Figure 2.20: Synthetic Rubber, USA**Figure 2.21: Synthetic Rubber, Americas Ex. USA****Table 2.3: Summary of Synthetic Rubber Consumption**

Quantity in '000 Tonnes	Total Synthetic Rubber Consumption in '000 Tonnes						Year-to-Date		
	Monthly			Quarterly					
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World									
China									
Asia-Pacific Ex. China									
EU-28									
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Synthetic Rubber's Share of Total Rubber Consumption

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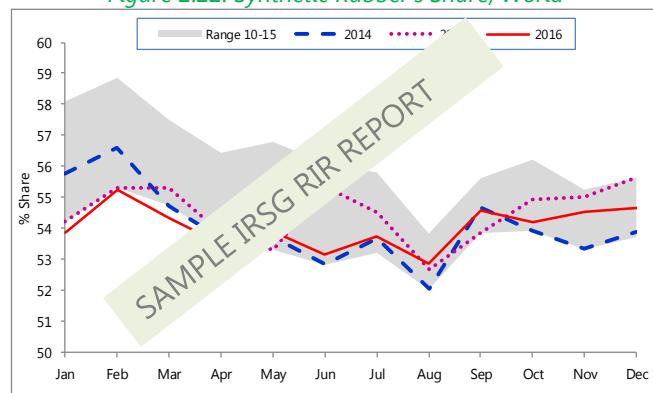
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Figure 2.23: Synthetic Rubber's Share, China

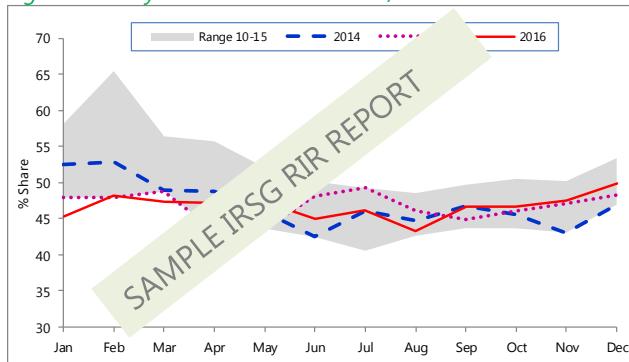


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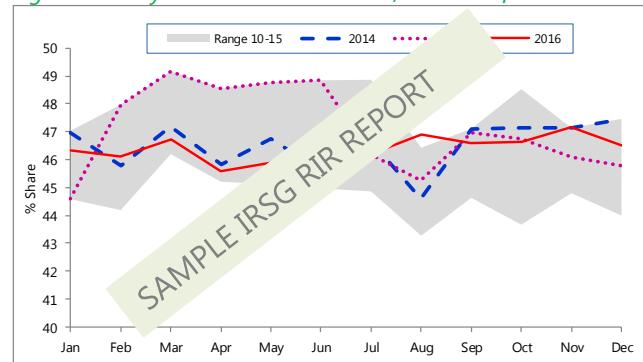


Figure 2.25: Synthetic Rubber's Share, EU-28

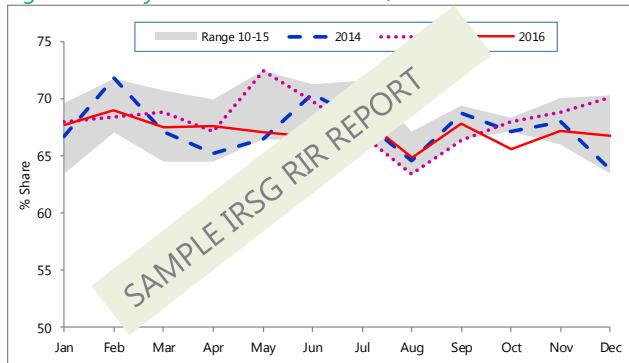


Figure 2.26: Synthetic Rubber's Share, EMEA Ex. EU-28

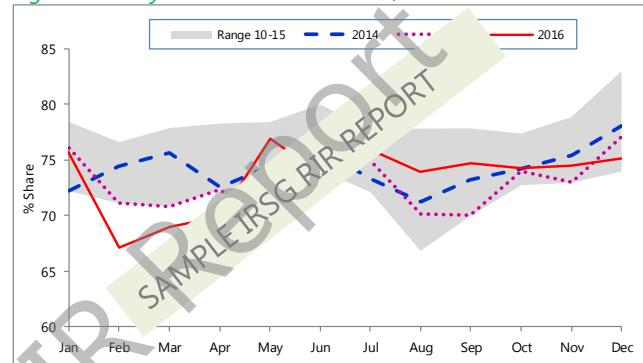


Figure 2.27: Synthetic Rubber's Share, USA

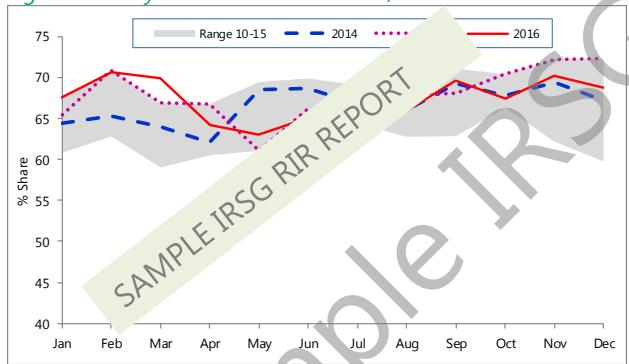


Figure 2.28: Synthetic Rubber's Share, Americas Ex. USA

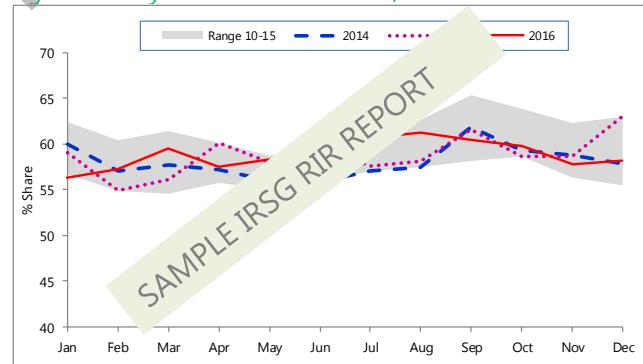


Table 2.4: Summary of Synthetic Rubber's Share of Total Rubber Consumption

Per Cent Share	Synthetic Rubber's Share of Total Rubber Consumption in Percent						Year-to-Date			
	Monthly			Quarterly						
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '16	Jan-Mar '17
World										
China										
Asia-Pacific Ex. China										
EU-28										
EMEA Ex. EU-28										
USA										
Americas Ex. USA										
Year-on-Year Growth Rates, Per Cent										
Year-on-Year Growth Rates	Monthly			Quarterly		Year-to-Date				
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '17	
World										
China										
Asia-Pacific Ex. China										
EU-28										
EMEA Ex. EU-28										
USA										
Americas Ex. USA										

Table 2.5: Detailed Summary of Total Rubber Consumption

Quantity in '000 Tonnes	Total Rubber Consumption in '000 Tonnes											
	Monthly						Quarterly			Year-to-Date		
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '16	Jan-Mar '17		
World												
Asia-Pacific												
China												
India												
Indonesia												
Japan												
Republic of Korea												
Malaysia												
Taiwan, China												
Thailand												
Vietnam												
Other Asia												
EMEA												
France												
Germany												
Italy												
Poland												
Spain												
Other EU-28												
EU-28												
Russian Federation												
Turkey												
Other EMEA												
Americas												
Canada												
USA												
Brazil												
Mexico												
Other Americas												
Year-on-Year Growth Rates												
Year-on-Year Growth Rates	Year-on-Year Growth Rates, Per Cent						Monthly			Quarterly		
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '17
World												
Asia-Pacific												
China												
India												
Indonesia												
Japan												
Republic of Korea												
Malaysia												
Taiwan, China												
Thailand												
Vietnam												
Other Asia												
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Germany												
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Poland												
Spain												
Other EU-28												
EU-28												
Russian Federation												
Turkey												
Other EMEA												
Americas												
Canada												
USA												
Brazil												
Mexico												
Other Americas												

Table 2.6: Detailed Summary of Natural Rubber Consumption

Quantity in '000 Tonnes	Natural Rubber Consumption in '000 Tonnes											
	Monthly						Quarterly			Year-to-Date		
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '16	Jan-Mar '17		
World												
Asia-Pacific												
China												
India												
Indonesia												
Japan												
Republic of Korea												
Malaysia												
Taiwan, China												
Thailand												
Vietnam												
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Poland												
Spain												
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EU-28												
Russian Federation												
Turkey												
Other EMEA												
Americas												
Canada												
USA												
Brazil												
Mexico												
Other Americas												

Year-on-Year Growth Rates	Year-on-Year Growth Rates, Per Cent											
	Monthly						Quarterly			Year-to-Date		
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '17	Jan-Mar '17	Jan-Mar '17	Jan-Mar '17
World												
Asia-Pacific												
China												
India												
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Japan												
Republic of Korea												
Malaysia												
Taiwan, China												
Thailand												
Vietnam												
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Other EU-28												
EU-28												
Russian Federation												
Turkey												
Other EMEA												
Americas												
Canada												
USA												
Brazil												
Mexico												
Other Americas												

Table 2.7: Detailed Summary of Synthetic Rubber Consumption

Quantity in '000 Tonnes	Synthetic Rubber Consumption in '000 Tonnes											
	Monthly						Quarterly			Year-to-Date		
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '16	Jan-Mar '17		
World												
Asia-Pacific												
China												
India												
Indonesia												
Japan												
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Taiwan, China												
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Other EU-28												
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Turkey												
Other EMEA												
Americas												
Canada												
USA												
Brazil												
Mexico												
Other Americas												
Year-on-Year Growth Rates			Year-on-Year Growth Rates, Per Cent									
			Monthly						Quarterly			
			Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '17	
World												
Asia-Pacific												
China												
India												
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Other EU-28												
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Russian Federation												
Turkey												
Other EMEA												
Americas												
Canada												
USA												
Brazil												
Mexico												
Other Americas												

Table 2.8: Detailed Summary of Synthetic Rubber's Share of Total Rubber Consumption, Per Cent

Per Cent Share	Synthetic Rubber's Share of Total Rubber Consumption in Percent									
	Monthly						Quarterly		Year-to-Date	
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '16	Jan-Mar '17
World										
Asia-Pacific										
China										
India										
Indonesia										
Japan										
Republic of Korea										
Malaysia										
Taiwan, China										
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Other EU-28										
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Russian Federation										
Turkey										
Other EMEA										
Americas										
Canada										
USA										
Brazil										
Mexico										
Other Americas										
Year-on-Year Growth Rates, Per Cent										
Year-on-Year Growth Rates	Monthly						Quarterly		Year-to-Date	
	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	Mar '17	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Jan-Mar '17	
World										
Asia-Pacific										
China										
India										
Indonesia										
Japan										
Republic of Korea										
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Americas										
Canada										
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Other Americas										