

PPE: Market Dynamics - Oxo Alcohols 2017

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This report provides an in-depth analysis and forecast of supply and demand of the global oxo alcohols industry. The report also provides an overview of the propylene industry.

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Abstract:

Global propylene demand growth was relatively strong at 4.9 percent in 2016, down slightly from the 5.3 percent achieved in 2015, which was partly supported by restocking of some derivatives after the rush to deplete inventories which occurred in late 2014 as a result of the sudden slump in crude oil prices. Oxo alcohols account for only a minor share of global propylene demand.

The oxo-alcohols of major commercial importance are 2-ethylhexanol (2-EH), *n*-butanol and *i*-butanol. 2-EH and *n*-butanol account for about 80 percent of global oxo alcohol demand.

Butanols have performed better in recent years through underlying growth in the market for its key derivative butyl acrylate, mainly in water-based coatings. *i*-Butanol is coproduced with *n*-butanol, and is frequently in oversupply. It is used as a solvent, and to a lesser extent in the production of amines.

The 2-ethylhexanol market has been under pressure for several years due to health and safety concerns surrounding its main derivative; the plasticiser, dioctyl phthalate (DOP). 2-ethylhexyl acrylate is however a fast growing sector, mainly for coating and adhesives.

The rapid development of capacity in China is undermining propylene demand into oxo alcohols in other regions.

Global Oxo Alcohol Demand by End-Use
(percent Volume Growth)

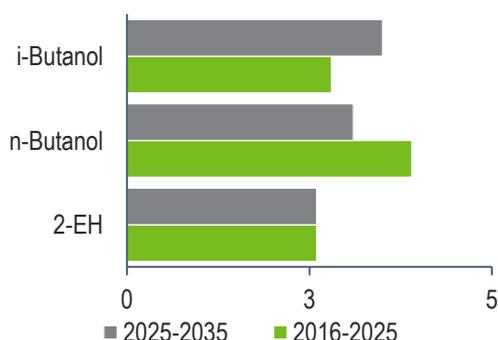


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