

## **Composites/GRP February 2025: Upward trend for ortho resins / Chopped strand mats set for further rollover**

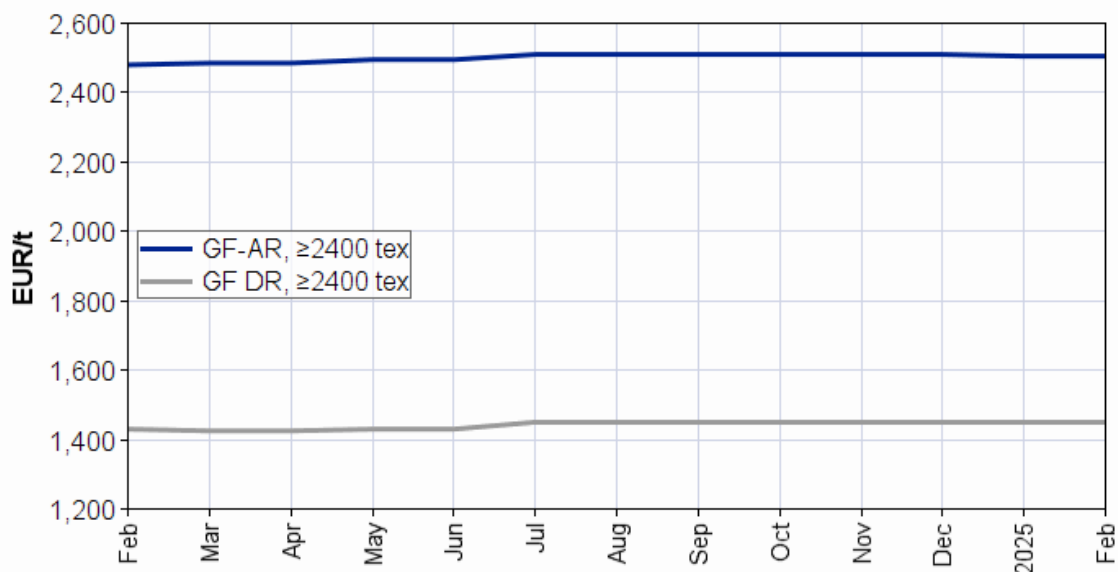
The continuing upward trend for styrene was passed on to the medium reactive ortho resins this month without the usual delay. Since a number of European precursor plants were not running at full capacity, production was also slightly reduced. There was never any risk of contracts not being fulfilled, however. Demand remained very weak.

The upward trends are continuing into March. The styrene contract for Europe went up by EUR 65/t. Producers will want to pass on as much of this hike as possible to converters. The weak order situation is likely to continue for a while. Many converters thus only want to buy what they actually need.

In the case of chopped strand mats, the high-end grades in particular were fixed at a rollover, while low-end grades fell slightly. The impact on overall pricing was negligible, however. With demand remaining at a low level, supply was adequate at all times. An element of uncertainty as to how prices would develop was clearly evident in the monthly discussions with panellists. Most converters expect a renewed rollover due to the persistently weak demand.

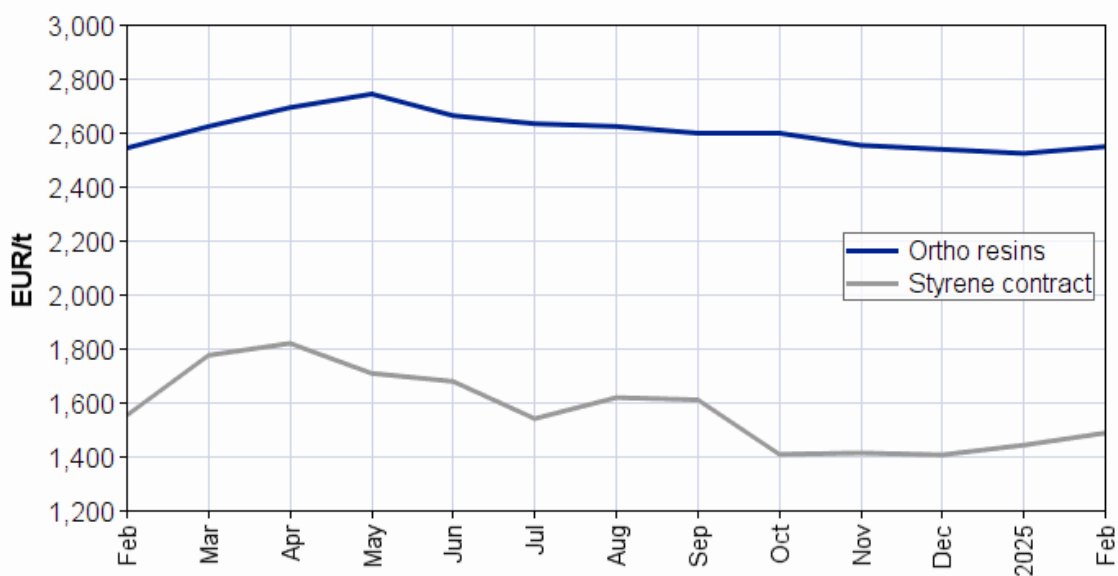
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