

Composites/GRP April 2025: Downward trend for resins, glass fibres set to remain unchanged / Order situation still at rock bottom

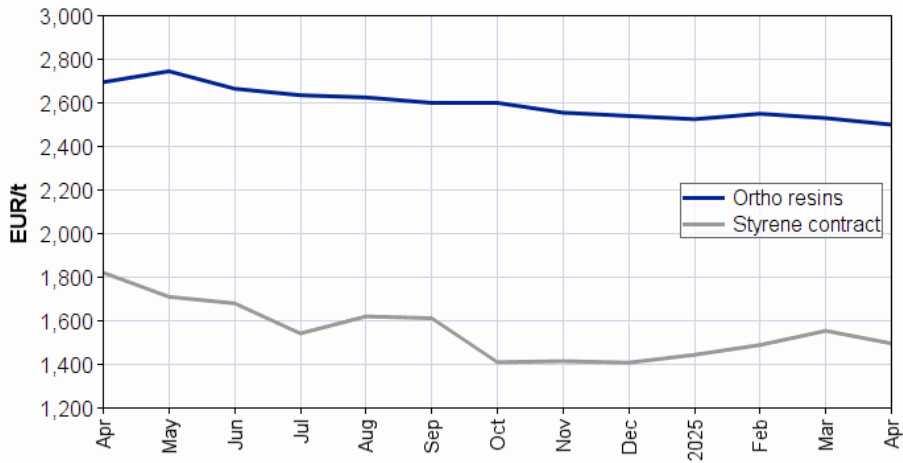
In April, resin prices reacted to the price drop for the main precursor styrene with the usual time lag. The largely unchanged contracts for maleic and phthalic anhydride had only a slight stabilising effect. This trend is set to continue following the further reduction in May – or at least this is what the majority of converters are expecting.

No signs of supply constraints are evident despite European plants running at reduced capacity. At the same time, increasing volumes of imports are arriving. Demand remains weak overall. Converters report slightly more orders from the commercial vehicle industry, but fewer from the leisure sector.

Glass fibre products – with the exception of assembled roving – also underwent slight reductions in April due to a trend towards oversupply. Converters only bought what they knew they needed, given the economic outlook. If prices continue to fall, inventory replenishments could be seen in May, and these could stabilise prices again in the following weeks.

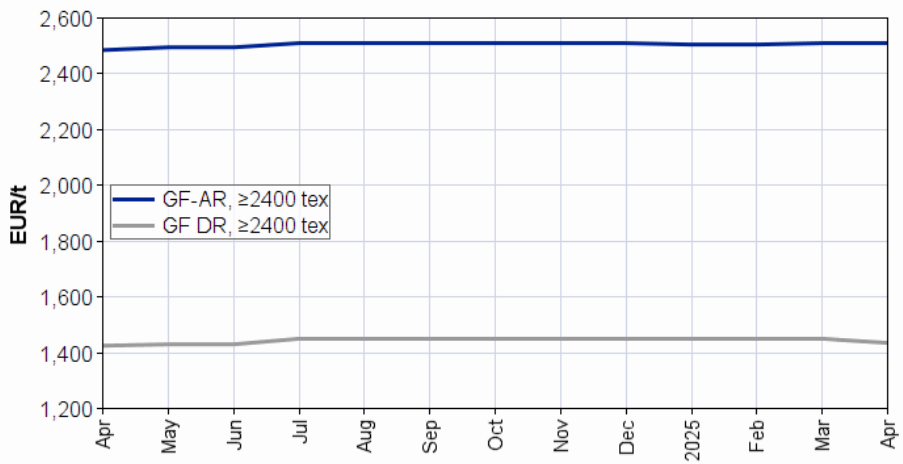
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