

## **Composites/GRP April: Price rises continue for all grades; triple-digit hikes in some cases / Converters reluctant to purchase**

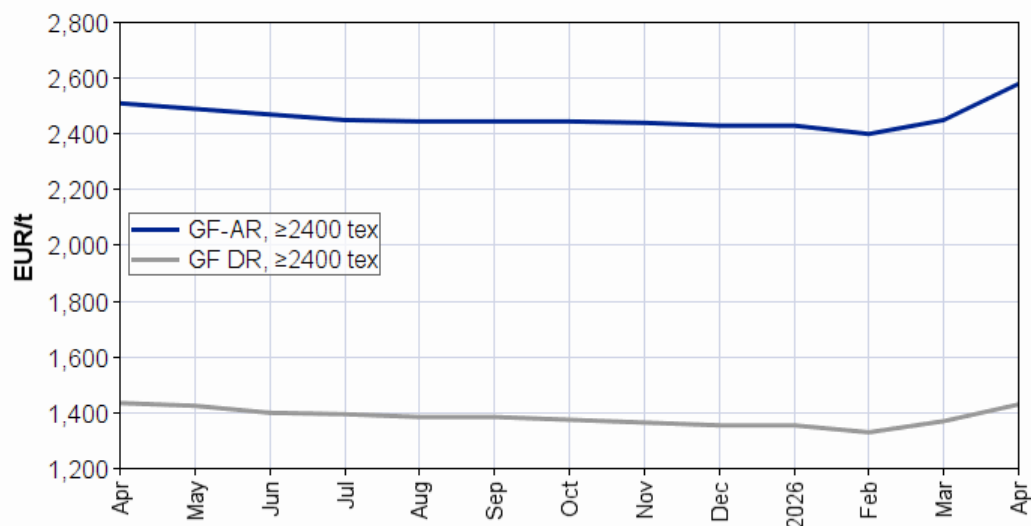
The war in the Middle East has definitively turned what was a buyer's market into a seller's market. Producers succeeded in securing most of the price increases they had demanded across all grades. Exceptions, such as for direct and assembled roving, proved the rule.

On the supply side, several speciality products had become scarce and were no longer available. This was due both to the curtailed production in Europe and to the absence of import volumes. The shortage of additives also forced a number of producers to cut back their production.

Substantial price increases have already been announced for the coming month as well. Producers will only have difficulty in pushing through these hikes if the inflow of imports increases significantly. The converters' precarious financial situation, however, means they have to remain cautious and will only purchase what is absolutely necessary. At the moment, sheer economic necessity is taking precedence over strategic sourcing decisions.

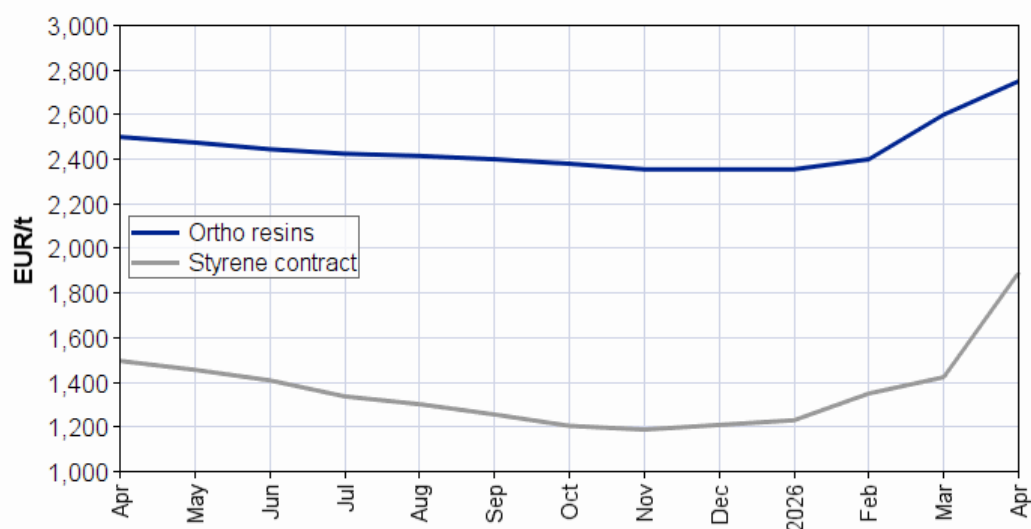
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