

## Plastics (PS-PP-PET)

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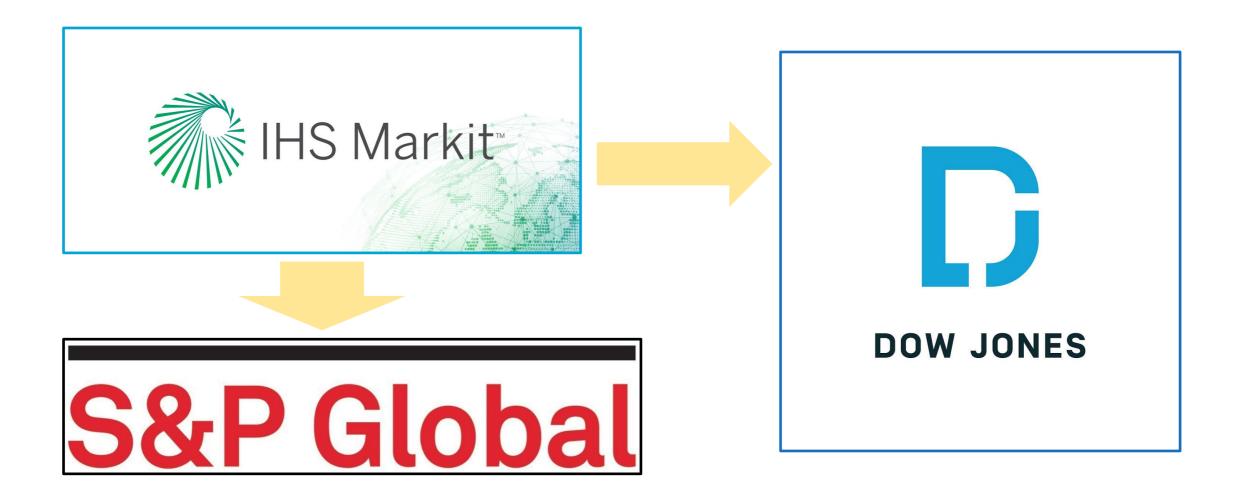
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#### IHS Markit, Base Chemicals was acquired by Dow Jones



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- News Corp and Dow Jones have completed the acquisition of the IHS Markit base chemicals business.
- The business will now operate under the name Chemical Market Analytics by OPIS, a Dow Jones company.
- Base Chemicals will sit within Dow Jones' Professional Information Business (PIB), joining Oil Price Information Service (OPIS), Coal, Metals & Mining (CMM) and PetroChem Wire (PCW), all recently acquired by Dow Jones.
- Dow Jones will play a leading role in new energy, chemicals and renewable vertical.
- The Chemical Market Analytics by OPIS, a Dow Jones company, business provides short-term and long-term market coverage for over 200 core building block chemicals, provided in Market Advisory Services (MAS), World Analysis (WA), Circular Plastics Service, and the Chemical Advisory Service.



## Agenda

## Major Issues

- The pandemic
- Russia/Ukraine conflict & energy crisis
- Logistics
- China self-sufficiency & risk of decoupling
- Sustainability

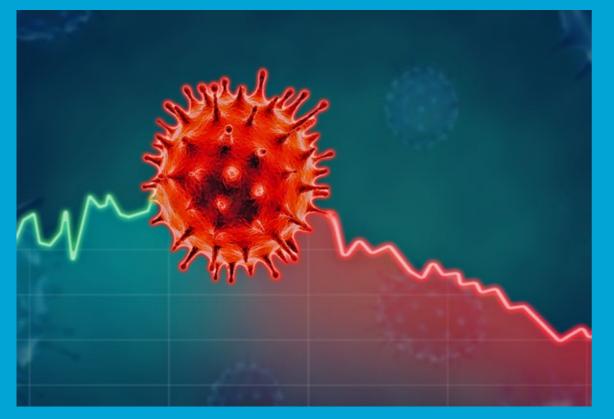
## • Products

- PS
- PP
- PET



## Recovery from the Pandemic?



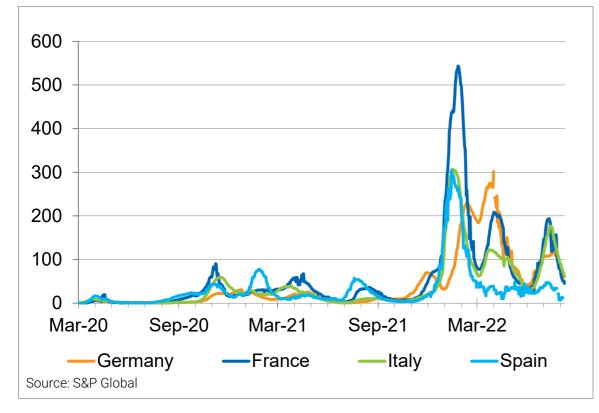


- Early 2020 Covid-19 swept across the world
- Historical references-Spanish flu
- Nearly 2.5 years later, most of the world is moving on
- China continues to pursue a zero covid policy

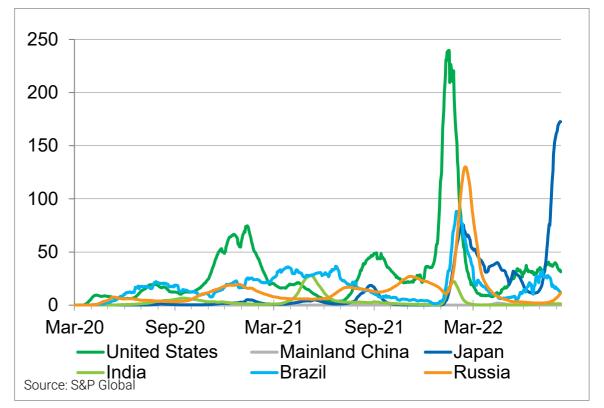
# COVID-19 infection rates have declined, but new waves keep coming

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New daily cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 people, sevenday moving average



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## Moving from one crisis to another crisis



## Russia/Ukraine Conflict & Resulting Energy Crisis





 24 Feb 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine

## Energy has been a flash point

 Chemical feedstocks are derived from crude or natural gas

#### In Feb 2022, Europe/Russian integration began to unravel

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• EU energy reliance on Russia

- 27% Crude Oil
- 40% Natural Gas
- 46% Coal
- Other impacts
  - Fertilizer/Grain
- The worst to come?
  - Russian crude oil price cap?
  - Natural gas cutoff
  - Plant shutdowns

#### Short term natural gas crisis

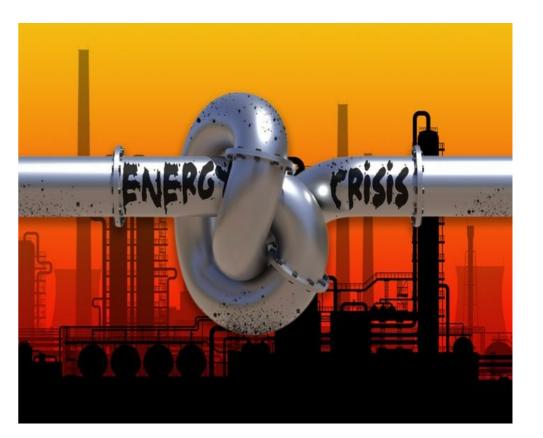




- Natural gas storage near full
  - Storage tanks over 90% full
- LNG ships
  - Backing up
  - Floating storage
- Backup plan
  - Chemicals is a large user of nat gas

#### **Energy impacts**

- Crude Oil
  - Supply OPEC+, Russian cutoff, SPR release
  - Demand China, Recession
- Gasoline inventories are low, prices are high
- Strong octane impacts chemicals
- Diesel inventories are low, transportation
- Natural gas impacts
- This impacts PS, PP, PET





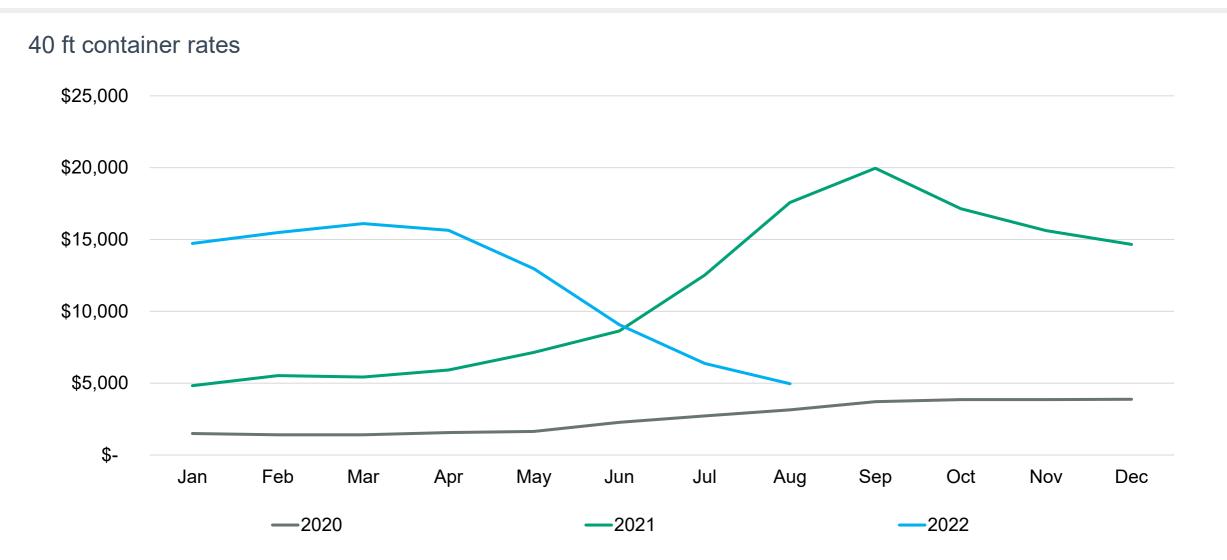
## Logistics

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- Significant impacts on
  - Liquid freight
  - Container freight
  - Low river water levels
  - Rail labor agreements
  - Truck drivers and fuel
- Some improvement but challenges remain

### Container Freight Cost East Asia to North America West Coast



## China Self-Sufficiency & Risk of Decoupling

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### • 20<sup>th</sup> Communist Party Congress

### • Strives to be self-sufficient

#### Massive expansion in chemicals

#### A Wave Of PS Capacity Additions Ahead

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2.4 Forecast 2.0 1.6 **Million Metric Tons** 1.2 0.8 0.4 0.0 -0.4 -0.8 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 32 S. America N. America W. Europe C. Europe CIS & Baltics SE Asia Africa Middle East Indian Subc. NE Asia © 2022 Chemical Market Analytics by OPIS Source: Chemical Market Analytics by OPIS

#### World Polystyrene Capacity Year-On-Year Growth

- China will add 3.5 million tons in 2022/24
- Global operating rates falling to 65% in response
- Nizhnekamskneftekhim (NKNK) investment likely delayed
- Potential closure in Europe in the 25/26 timeframe

#### Global derivative capacity additions is large, mostly in Asia

18,000 Capacity Additions (Thousand Tons) 16,000 14,000 12,000 10,000 8,000 6,000 4,000 2,000 (2,000)2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2026 2027 2028 2017 2025 2029 2030 PS EPS ABS -Cumulative PS, EPS, ABS Cumulative SM

#### Styrene Derivatives - Capacity Additions (In terms of SM)

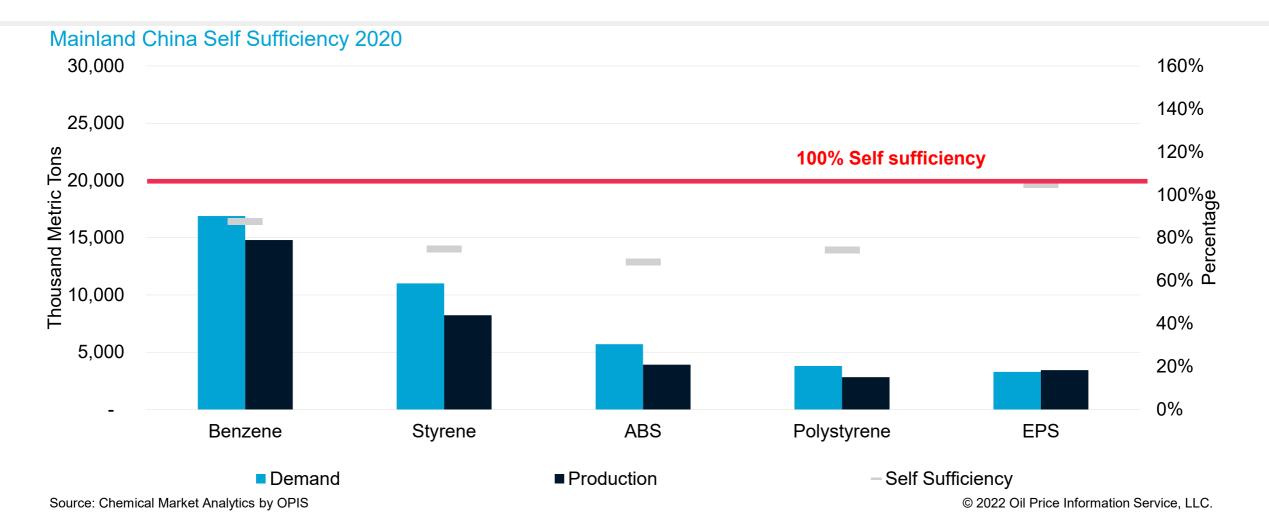
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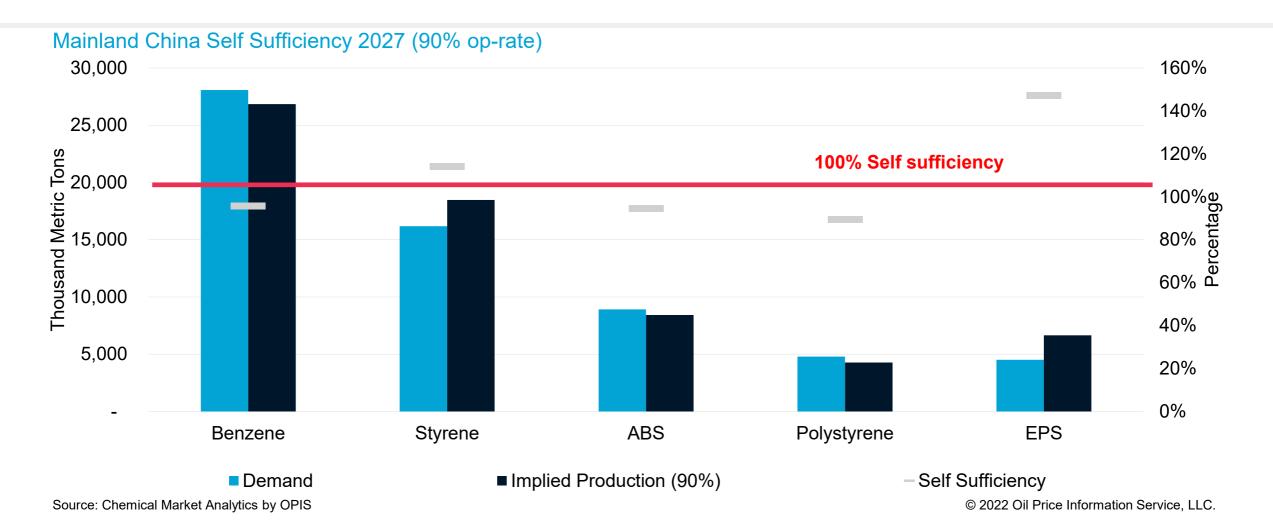
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#### Mainland China self sufficiency status - 2020



## Mainland China self sufficiency status – 2027 (based on 90% Openate) MARKET ANALYTICS



### Too much new PP capacity near term

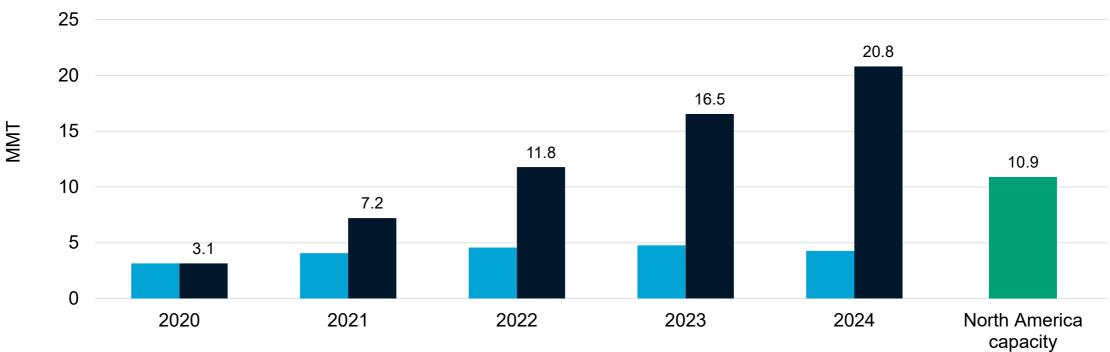
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Mainland China new additions vs. Size of North American capacity

Mainland China incremental capacity

Cumulative incremental China capacity additions

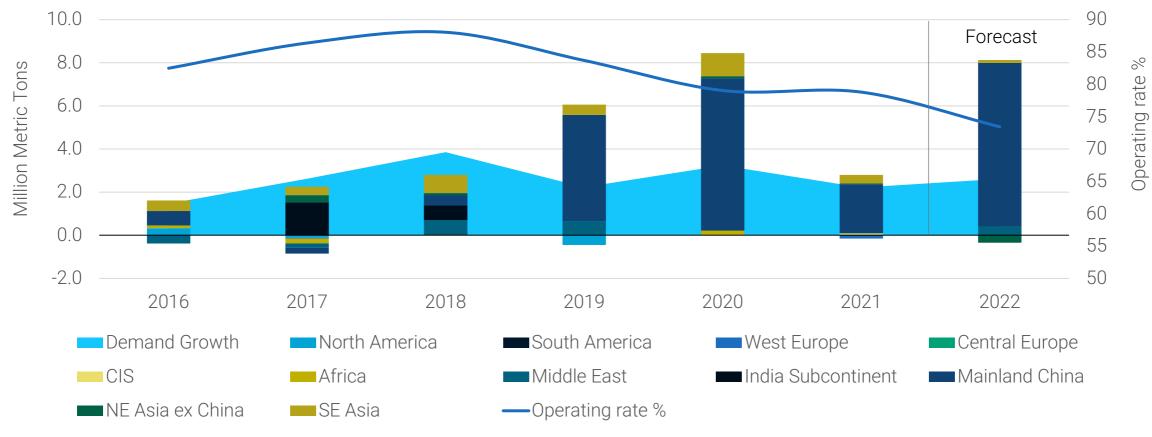
North America PP Capacity

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#### Mainland China investments collapse PX global operating rate

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#### Paraxylene global market overview

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## Sustainability

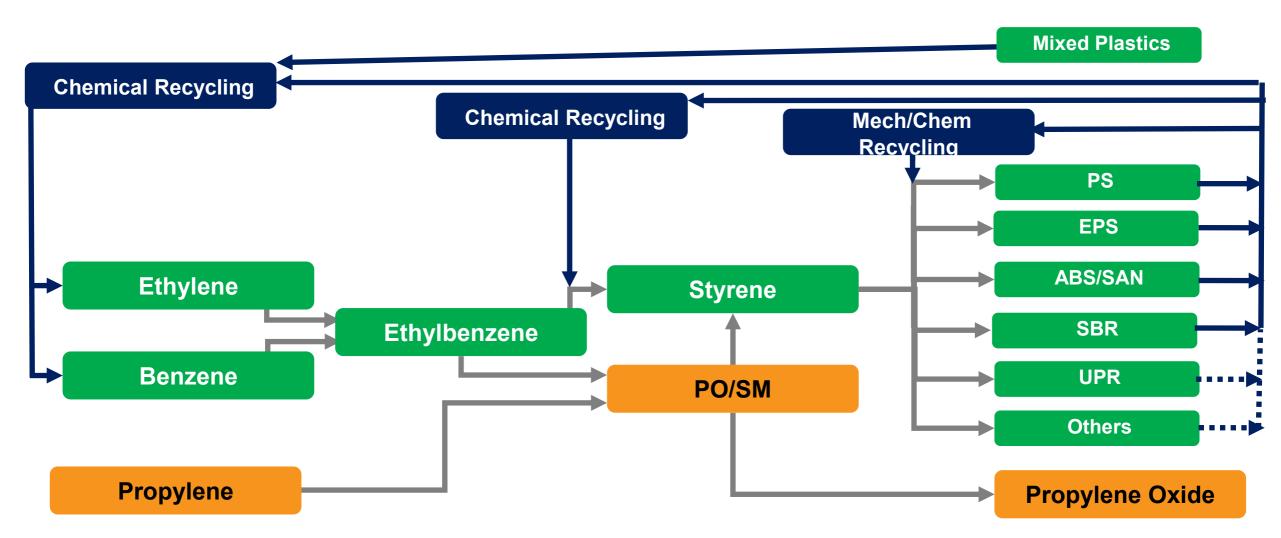
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#### The Beginning of the Circular Economy

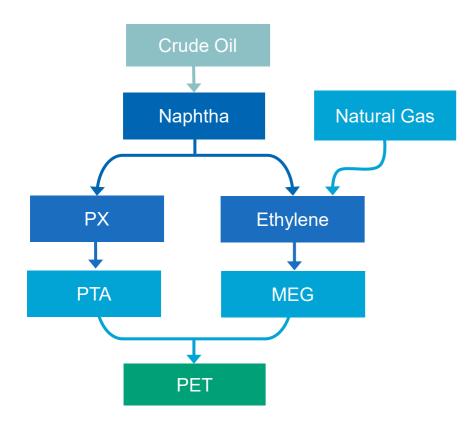




#### Recycled PET is the most advanced

Energy prices have a large influence on virgin PET prices

Virgin PET



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**Recycled PET** 

- In 2021, only 5 percent of plastics was recycled, Recycling decreasing.
- China stopped accepting waste plastic in 2018
- PET & HDPE had reprocessing rates of 20.9% & 10.3% respectively, down from 2020.

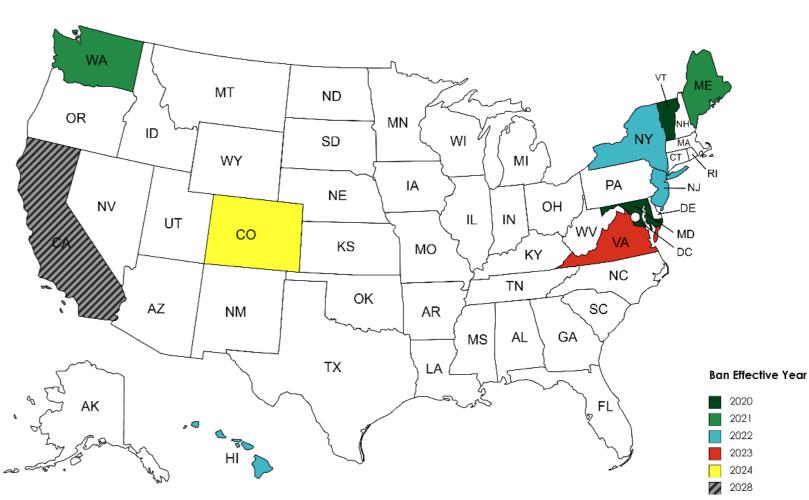


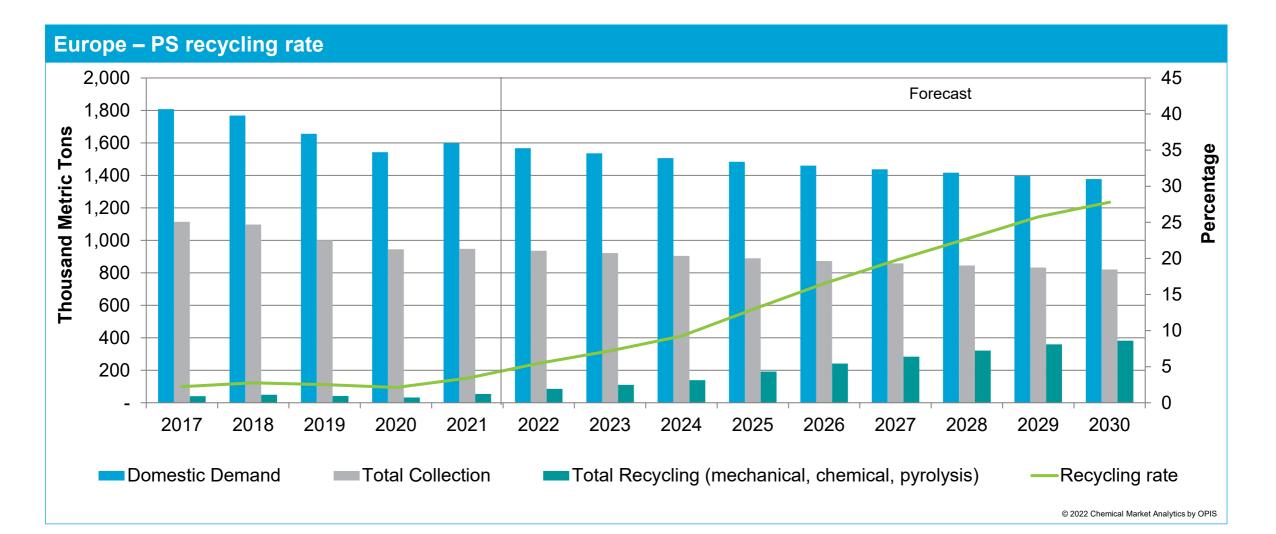
#### US Statewide Single Use Bans – Continued pressure

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New California Law

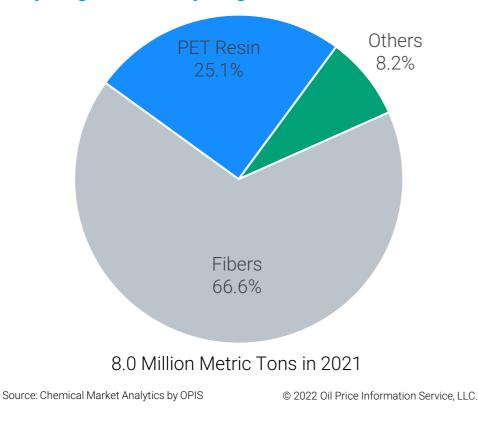
- PS food packaging must be recycled 30% by 2028
- Reduce plastic demand by 10% 2027 to 25% by 2032
- Must be recyclable or compostable by 2032.
- Increase recycling rate to 65% by 2032
- Producers-Responsibility Law & \$5B fund over 10 years





### Fiber segment absorbs the most part of recycled PET

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Recycling Demand by Segment

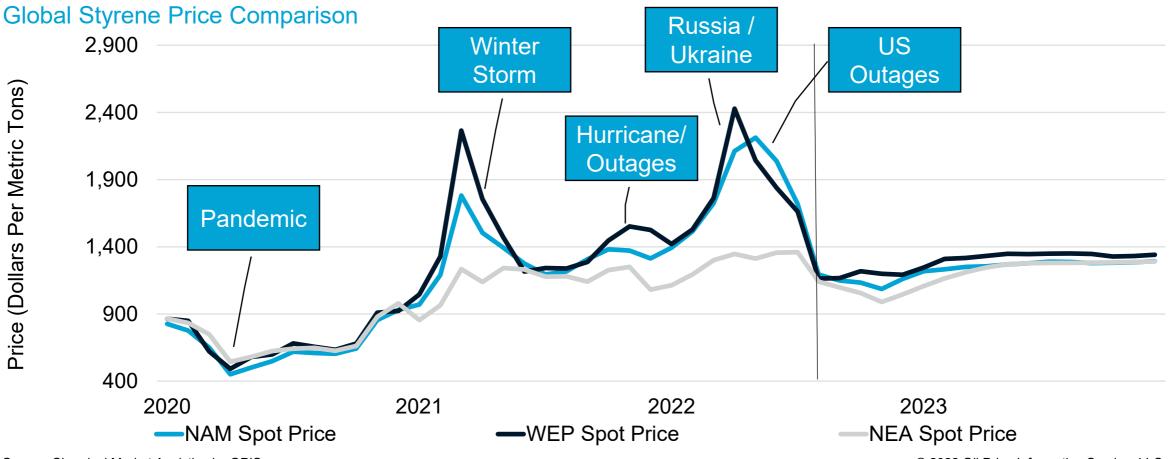
- "Bottle to Bottle" recycling is still a small portion of RPET, globally. PET replacement in sheet and B2B applications is only at 25% of overall RPET demand.
- Recycling into fibers is the most cost-effective way. The fibers industry will be able to consume any imaginable increases in PET collection.
- B2B demand is expected to grow slowly in China and India due to lack of PCR mandates and food contact regulations.
- Containers will have to compete for available RPET flakes with the fibers industry

## Polystyrene



## Feedstocks have been impacted by multiple black swan events

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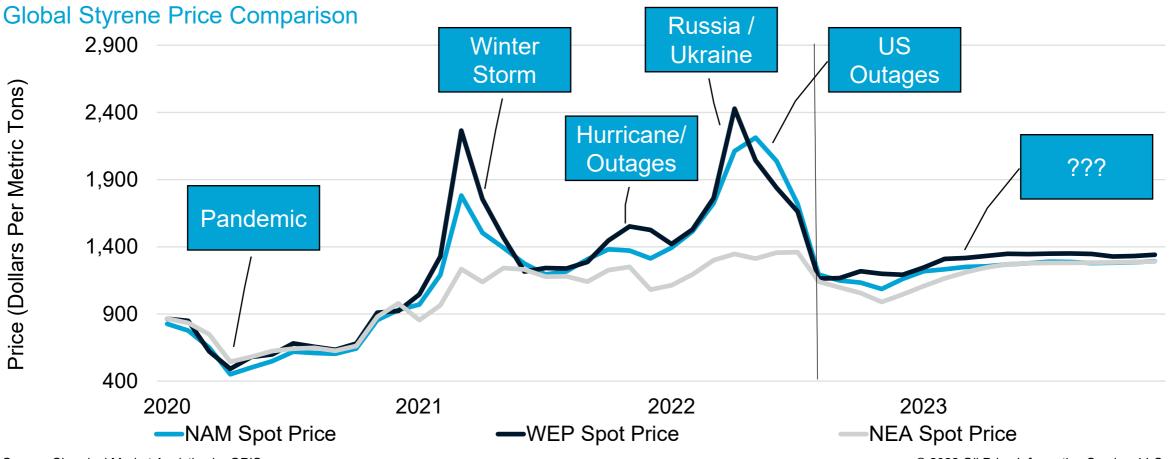


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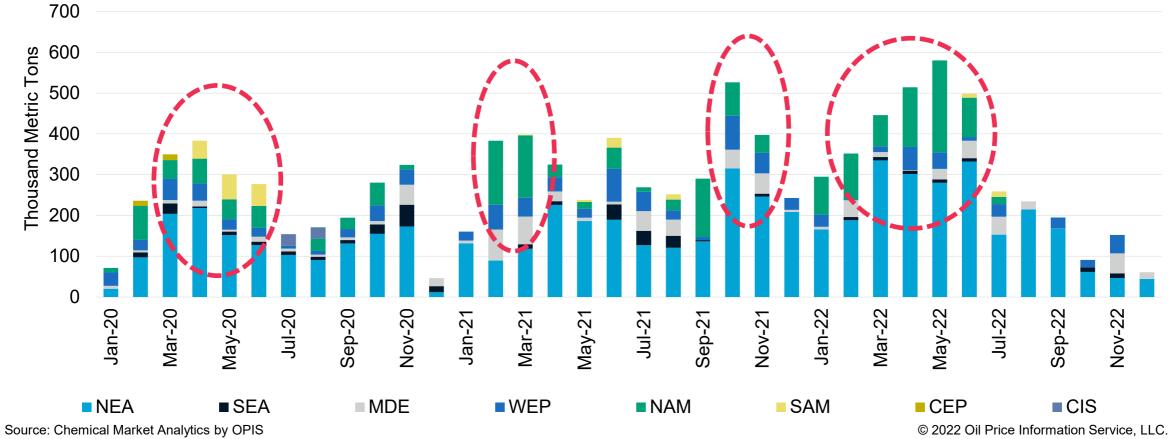
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#### Global Styrene Production Capacity Losses in 2020-2022

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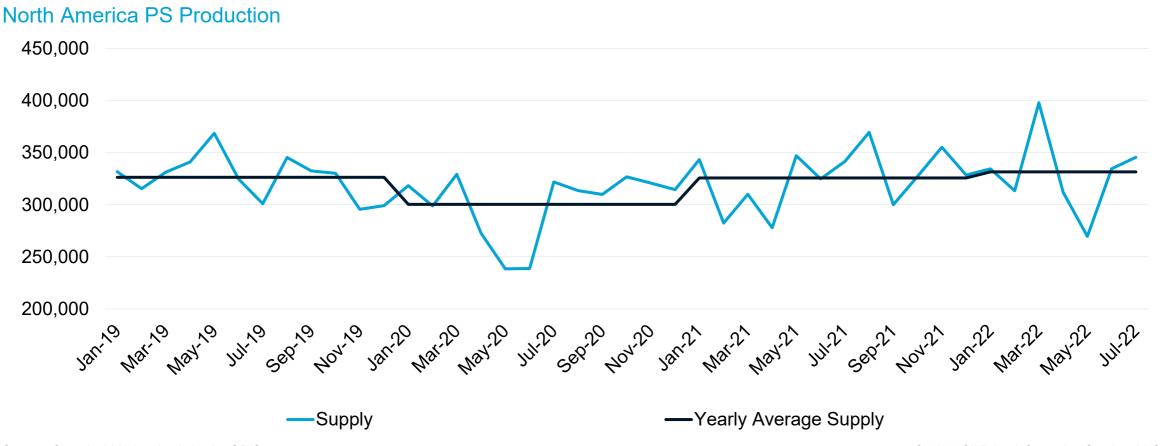
BZ CP Down 58%, 39 cpp NAM Benzene and Styrene Comparison Spot SM Down 49%, 49 cpp 2,500 2,000 Price (Dollars Per Metric Tons) 1,500 1,000 500 0 -500 Jan-18 May-18 Jan-19 May-19 Sep-19 Jan-20 May-20 Sep-22 Nov-22 Jan-23 May-23  $\infty$ Jul-18 Mar-19 Jul-19 **Nov-19** Mar-20 Sep-20 **Nov-20** Jan-22 Mar-22 May-22 Mar-23 Sep-23 Jul-20 Jan-21 Nov-21 Jul-22 Jul-23 May-21 Jul-21 Mar-21 Sep-21 Nov-2 Mar-1 Sep-1 Nov-1 -STR Spot BZE Contract Delta

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# Benzene spikes after SM restarts, leading to 20 cpp PS increase

#### PS production has recovered from the pandemic

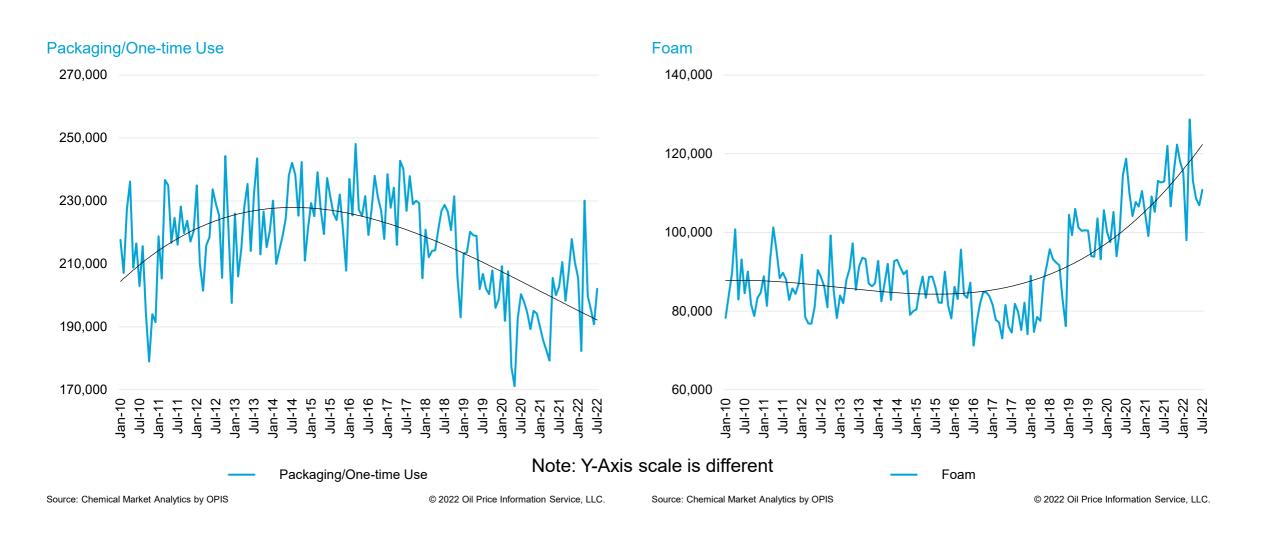
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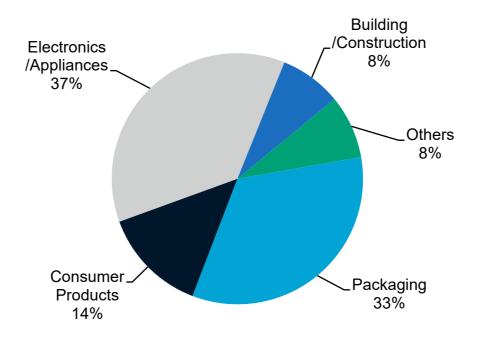
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#### Packaging & foam demand rebounded during the pandemic



Polystyrene demand – packaging shrinking & appliances growing CHEMICAL MARKET ANALYTICS

#### World: 2022 Polystyrene Demand by End Use



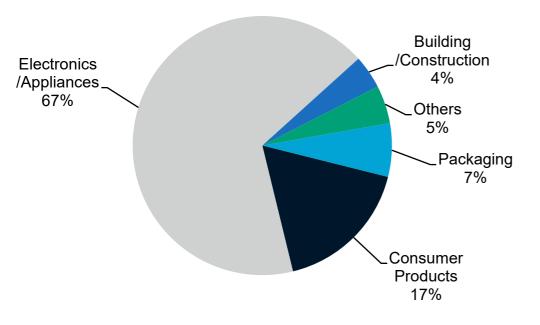


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# Polystyrene demand – packaging shrinking & appliances growing

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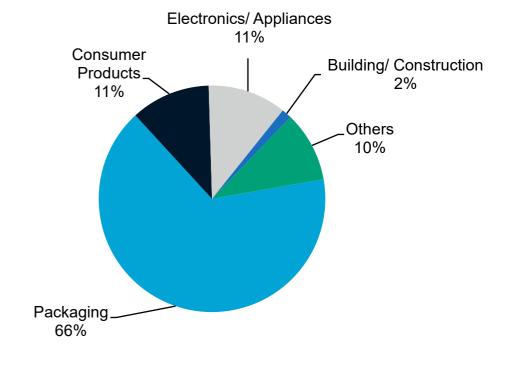


### Domestic Demand = 3.9 Million Metric Tons

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## North America: 2022 Polystyrene Demand by End Use



Domestic Demand = 2.0 Million Metric Tons

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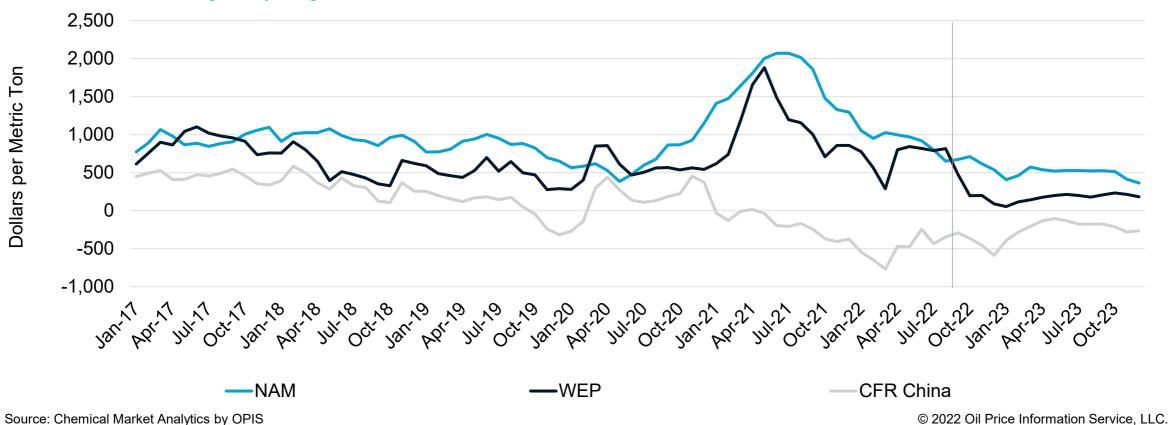
# Polypropylene

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# Historic run ends for polyolefin producers

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Combined PE-PP Magins by Region

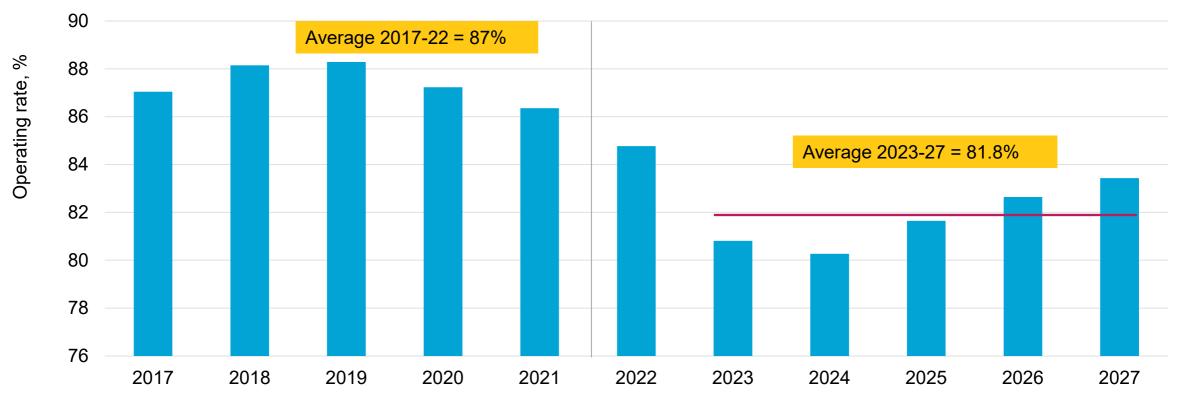
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# Global operating rates expected to drop lower

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Impact of economic slowdown, capacity growth, logistics

### **Global PP Operating Rates**

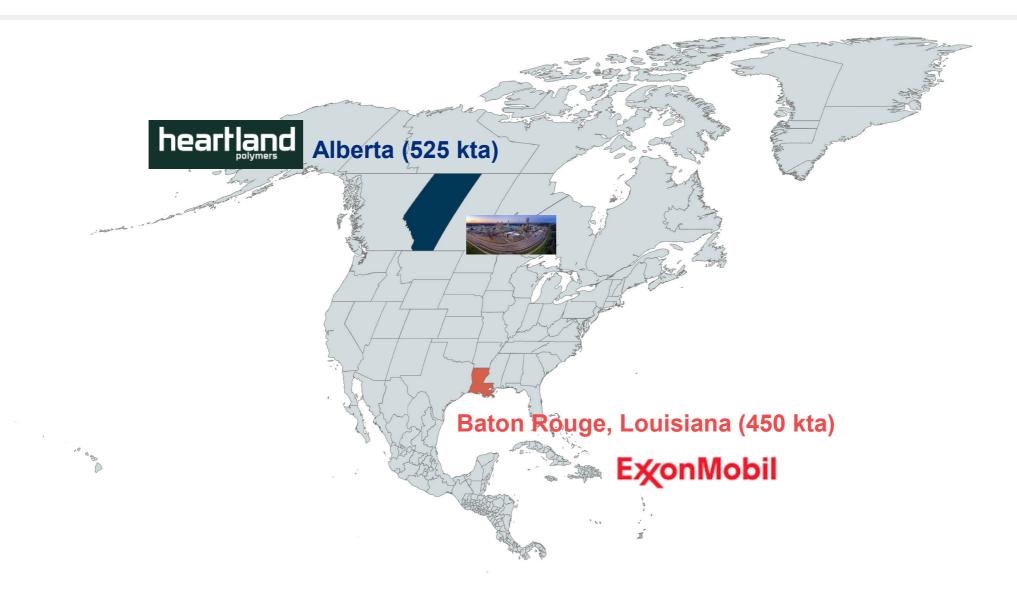


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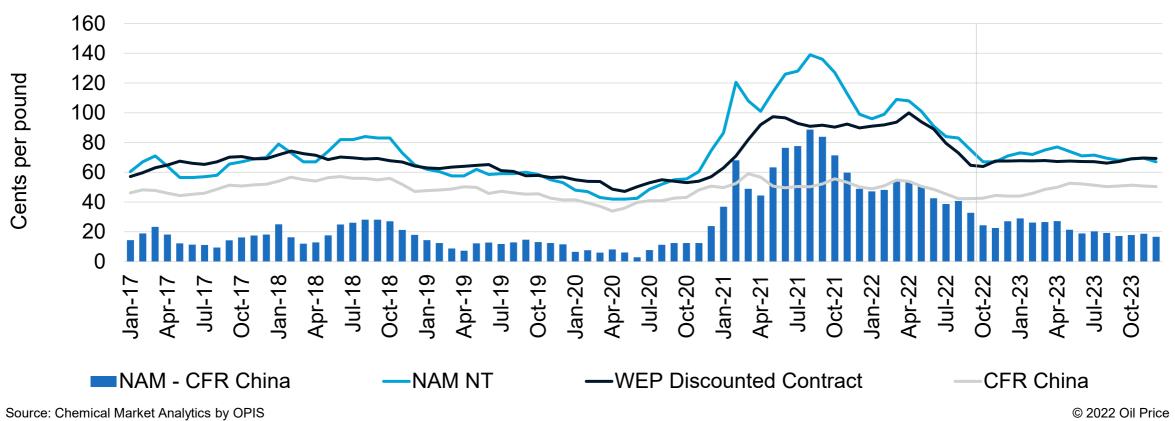
# June 2022 – June 2023 New PP Lines

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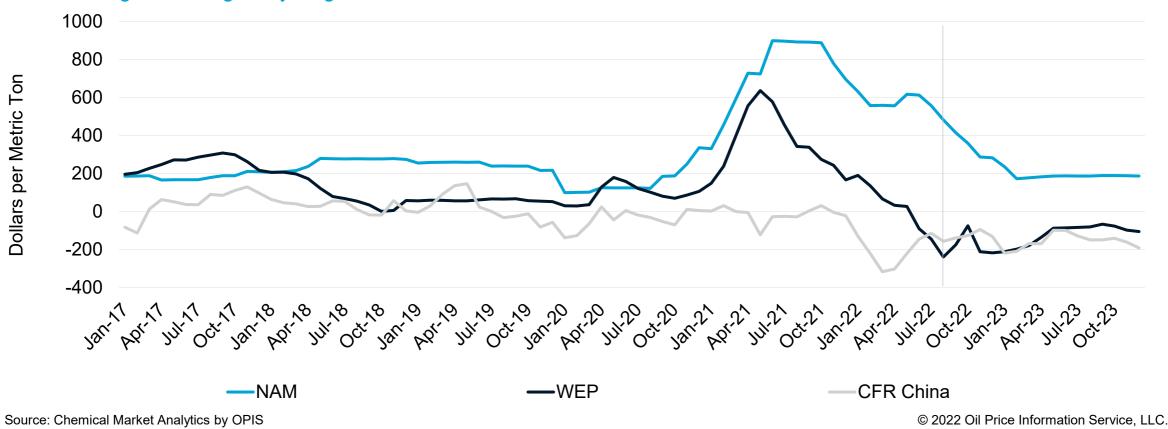


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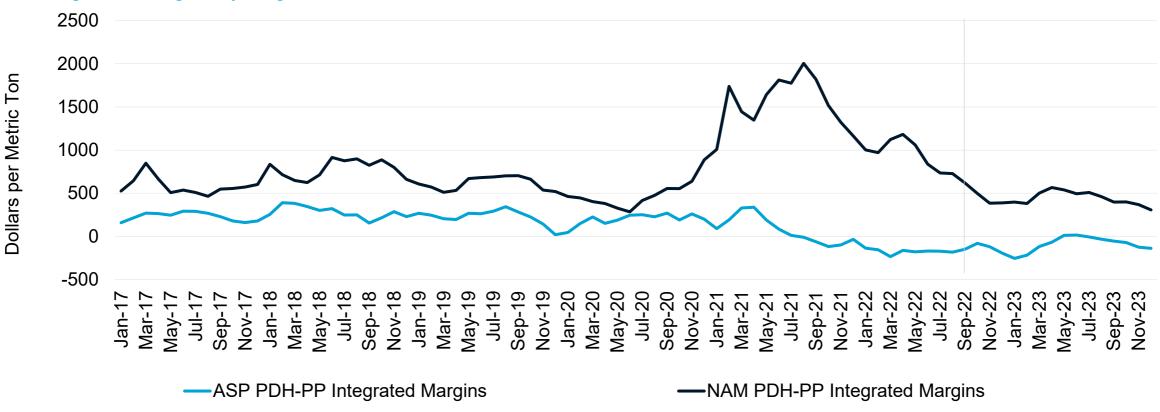
### PP Non-integrated Margins by Region

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# High propane prices could challenge PDH-PP profitability next two years

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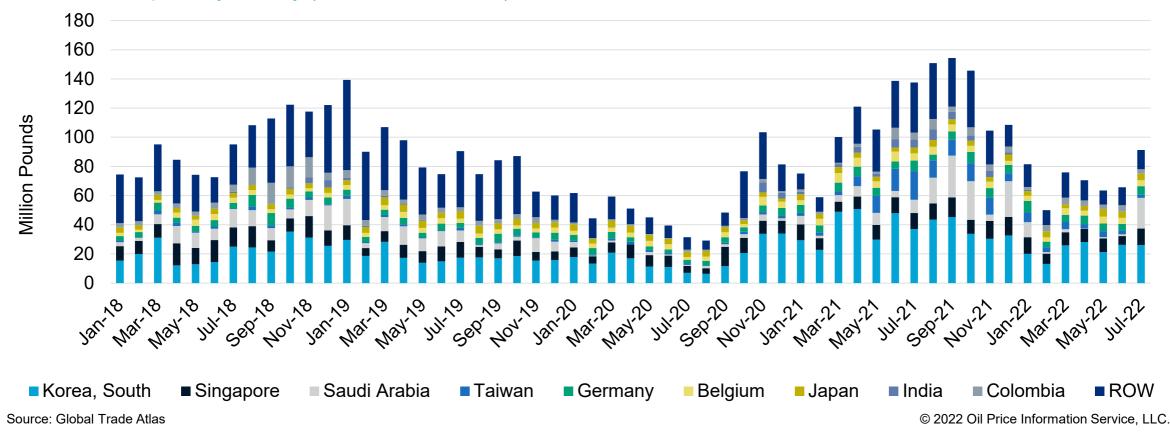


### PP Integrated Margins by Region

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### US PP resin imports by country (excludes CAN/MEX)



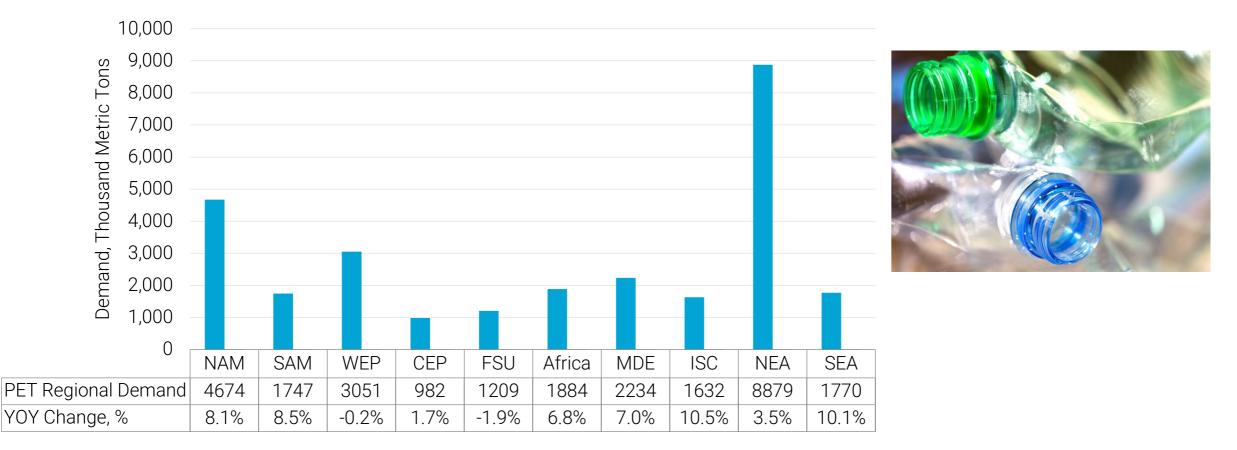
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# Global PET Resin Demand by Region 2022

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## 2022 regional PET demand

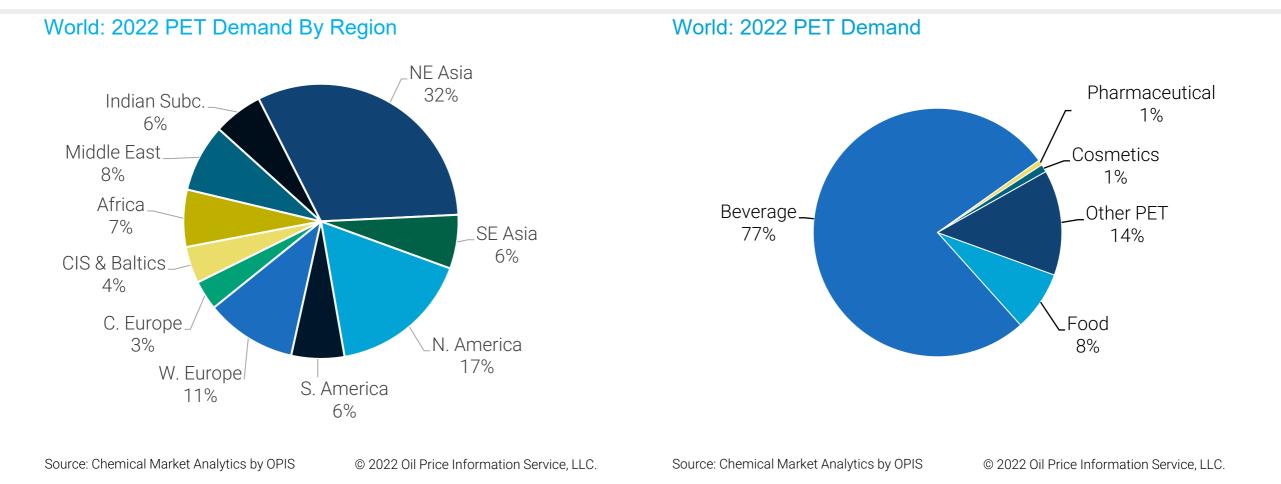


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# **Global PET Resin Demand**

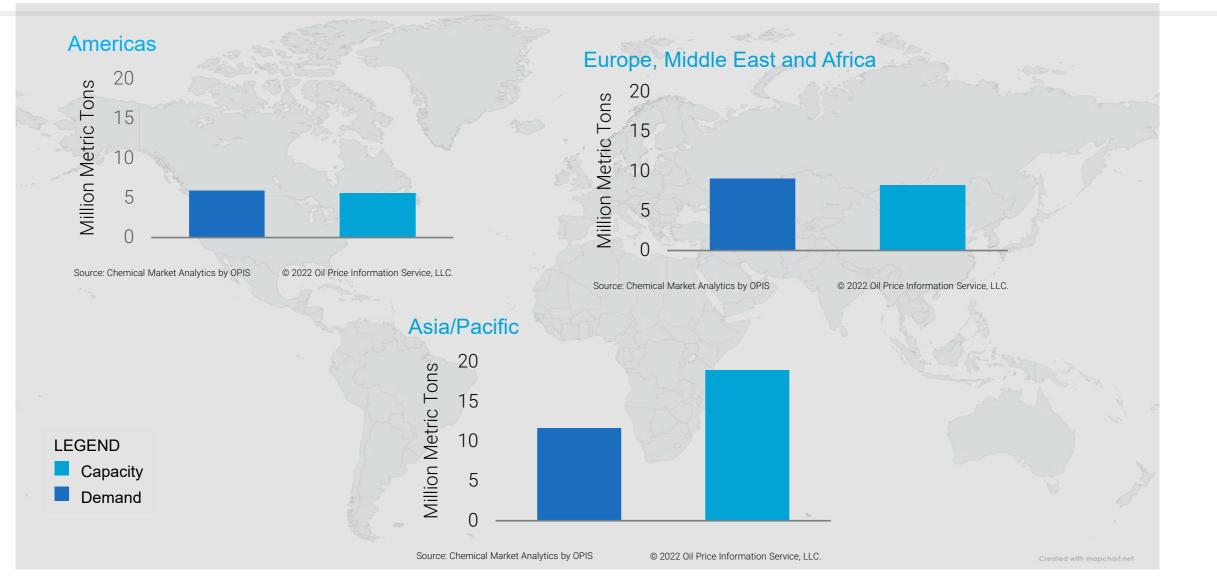
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Demand = 28.0 Million Metric Tons

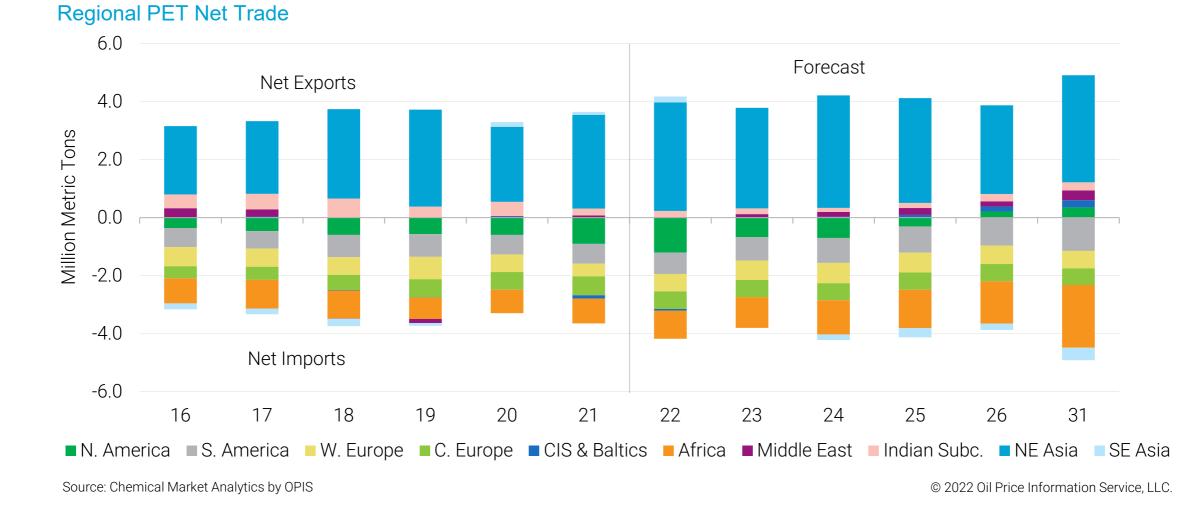
# Americas and Europe are in balance, but Asia is heavily overbuilt on PET (2021 figures)

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# Global export dominated by Asia

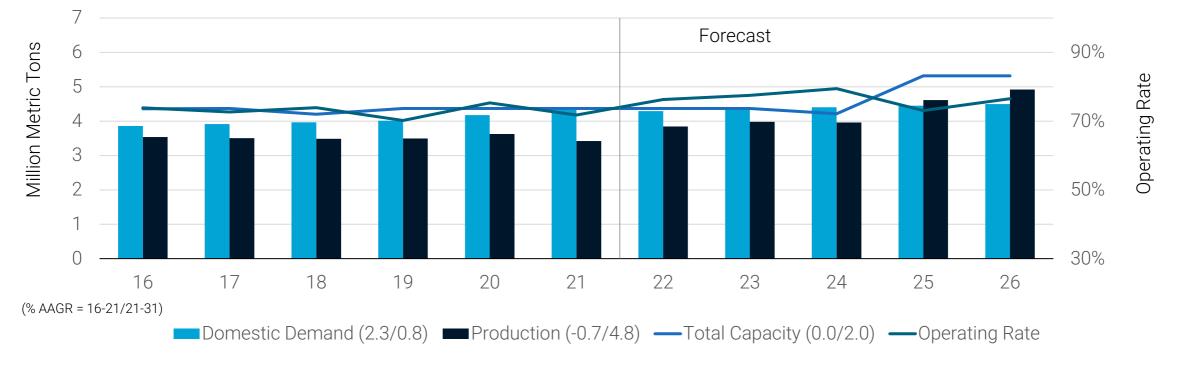
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### North America: PET Supply & Demand



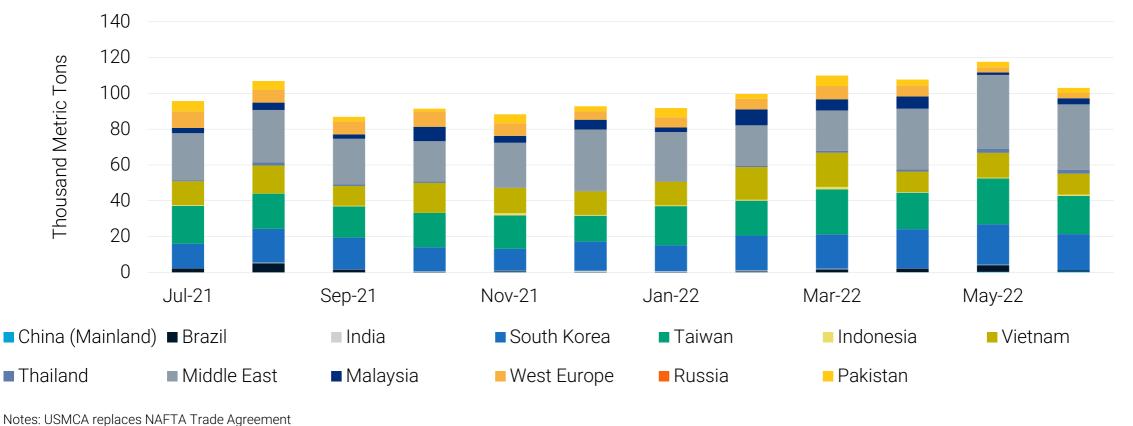
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# Non-USMCA PET imports in 2022

### Middle East, Taiwan and South Korea remain the largest exports to US (ex-USMCA)

### US Non-USMCA PET Imports

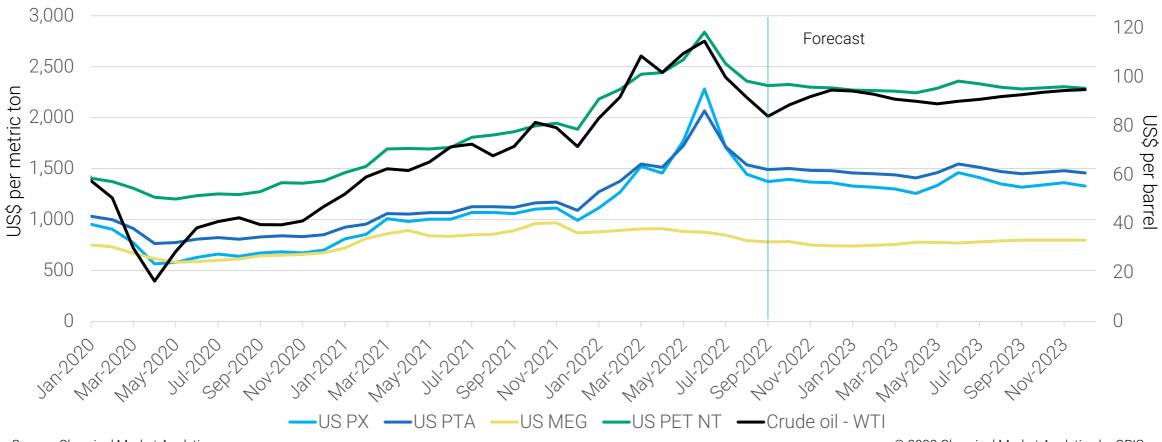


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# **Price Forecast**

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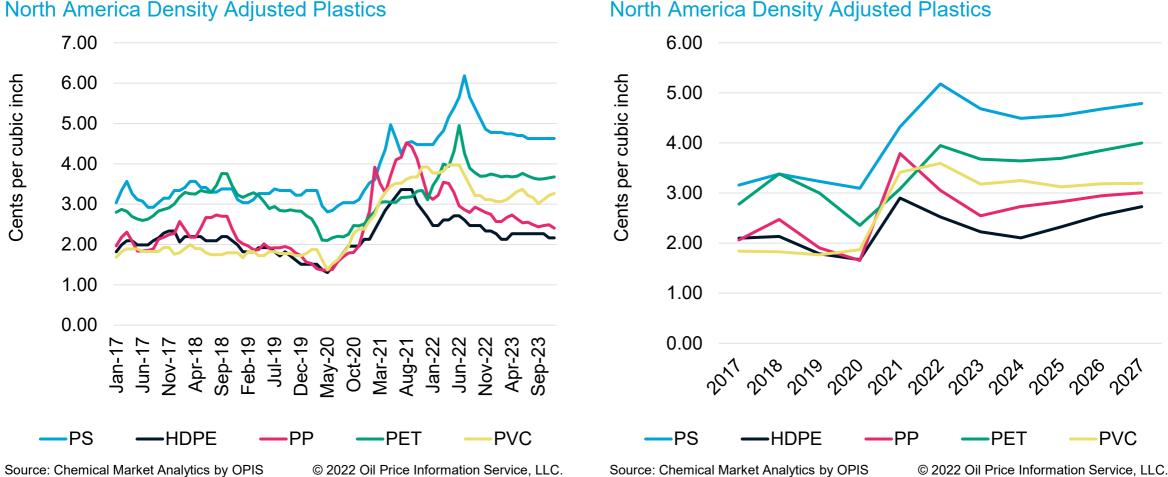
PET and raw material prices

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# In summary – PS & PET remain relatively expensive

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### North America Density Adjusted Plastics

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# Short Term Outlook

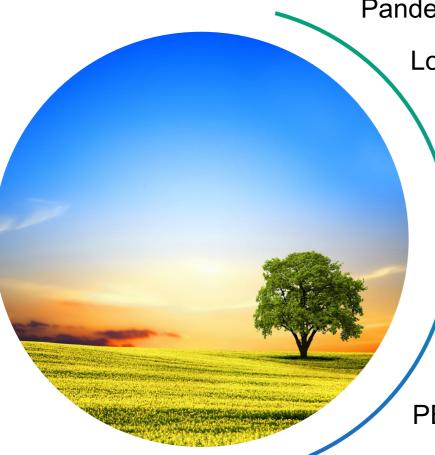
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- Demand is slowing across multiple market segments. PS, PP and PET are all showing a decline in demand
- Benzene & RGP have bottomed in Oct. MX remains elevated due to strong gasoline/octane markets
- Polymer prices are forecast to bottom and then increase in the winter.
- Market Risks are high
  - Russia/Ukraine conflict
  - Federal reserve interest rate increases/economy
  - MS River water levels, Railroad strike, Ship rates
  - US hurricane season is over



# Conclusions

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Pandemic is ending, energy crisis coming

Logistical disruptions continuing, some improvement

China self sufficiency/decoupling

Sustainability pressures increasing, recycling growing

PS, PP & PET demand is softening. PP is leading the way.

PS prices have reached a short term bottom

PP capacity increasing

PET imports continuing, will CCP start up?



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