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- US LDPE export prices remain stable this week
- Brazil LDPE prices increase this week.

Global Polymer Prices

- The CFR Far East Asia LDPE prices were up by \$5/mt and were assessed at \$935-965/mt during the week.
- FD NWE CP was assessed at \$1780-1810/mt.
- The FAS Houston spot export LDPE prices were stable and were assessed at \$890-920/mt during the week.
- The CFR LDPE price increased by \$10/mt this week to \$1,010-1,040/mt.

Assessment	Basis	Lower Price	Higher	Price
			Price	Change
LDPE Film	CFR South East Asia	950	980	+20
LDPE GP Film	FD NWE	910	940	
LDPE Film	CFR Far East Asia	935	965	+5
LDPE GP Film	FCA Antwerp	890	920	
LDPE Film	CFR India	970	1000	00
LDPE GP Film	CFR Turkey	960	990	
LDPE Film	CFR Pakistan	1030	1060	+10
Note: FD (Free Delivered	d) NWE (North West Europe) FC	A – Free Carrier (Place of	f Delivery) CFR (Cost ar	nd Freight) Note: FD NWE
denotes FD Germany.	CFR Sri Lanka	1070	1100	+10
LDPE Film	CFR Bangladesh	1010	1040	00

Asian LDPE prices increase this week

The market for low-density polyethylene in Asia saw a small increase during the week as a result of increased demand and cost pressure. While there were few conversations in Southeast Asia, China's demand was seen as stable. Due to a backlog of orders following a chip scarcity last year, LDPE utilised in the automotive sector was doing good.

The CFR Far East Asia LDPE prices were up by \$5/mt and were assessed at \$935-965/mt during the week. The CFR Southeast Asia LDPE prices were up by \$20/mt and were measured at \$950-980/mt..

The European LDPE contract market remain flat

Negotiations in the contractual market remained tepid as several parties were on vacation. Following the earlier monomer settlement, many of those who stayed active during this time predicted that prices would continue to rise beginning in July. FD NWE CP was assessed at \$1780-1810/mt.

LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE SPOT PRICES (USA & LATIN AMERICA) USD/MT							
Assessment	Basis	Lower Price	Higher Price	Price Change			
LDPE Film	US East Coast	900	930	+40			
LDPE GP Film	CFR West Coast South America	1010	1040	+50			
LDPE GP Film	CFR Brazil	1010	1040	+10			
LDPE GP Film	FAS Houston	900	930	00			
LDPE GP Film	US Domestic	1510	1540	00			
Note: FAS – Free Alongside Ship (Port of Shipment) CFR (Cost and Freight).							

US LDPE export prices remain stable this week

Spot export prices for low-density polyethylene were steady throughout the week as supply was reported to be short and demand to be improving in several important destinations. Throughout the period of August 3–9, there were consistent signals of rail car values at 37 cents/lb FAS Houston.

Despite demand increasing in some regions of Asia the US export market has not expanded as much as exporters had planned since inflation was still eroding customers' and end-users' purchasing power.

The FAS Houston spot export LDPE prices were stable and were assessed at \$890-920/mt during the week. The FAS US East Coast spot export LDPE prices were up by \$40/mt and were assessed at \$900-930/mt during the week. The domestic contract LDPE prices were stable and were assessed at \$1510-1540/mt during the week.

Brazil LDPE prices increase this week

The CFR LDPE price increased by \$10/mt this week to \$1,010-1,040/mt. International merchants and petrochemicals, which implemented price rises and subsequently caused a minor increase in import prices, were the driving forces behind the boom.

Following higher pricing and more stable market conditions, LDPE prices increased for the week on the domestic market. According to a fourth market source, demand was low in recent weeks, but supply had to increase because prices were significantly higher on average week after week.

Products	Mumt	bai Delh	i Kolkata	Hyderabad	Bangalore	Ahmedabad	Chennai
LDPE							
24FS040	94.75	96.25	97.25	97	97.5	96	98
16MA400	119	120.5	122	121	122	119.5	122.25
1070LA17	132.5	134.5	136.5	134.5	135	133.5	135.5

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