

TABLE 48

**PRODUCTION OF POLYESTER STAPLE FIBRE -
MAJOR COUNTRIES / REGIONS**

('000 tonne)

COUNTRY/REGION	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
China	2396.0	2941.4	3491.3	4186.9	4790.4
U.S.A.	925.0	929.9	855.4	936.4	915.8
Taiwan	838.0	889.6	877.6	840.7	731.9
India	561.0	563.0	602.0	662.0	614.6
Korea (South)	674.0	602.5	600.6	562.2	522.5
Japan	264.0	240.7	233.0	221.5	213.9
Turkey	89.0	107.8	124.0	151.1	136.7
Mexico	188.0	156.0	119.9	113.9	67.8
Other Asia	1395.0	1375.2	1469.1	1501.1	1431.1
Western Europe	454.0	488.1	448.4	435.8	398.6
Middle East, Africa & Oceania	162.0	183.4	184.5	187.2	199.5
Eastern Europe	142.0	163.1	157.1	168.8	173.2
Other Americas	154.0	148.7	149.6	165.9	150.6
Total	8242.0	8789.4	9312.5	10133.5	10346.6

Source : Fiber Organon, June 2006.