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Alufoil sector stabilises on high level

After bullish growth rates over the past quarters the aluminium foil deliveries stabilised on a high level according to data published by the European Aluminium Foil Association (EAF A).

The production of the European aluminium foil industry slightly declined by 0.9 % to 419,000 t in the first six months of 2011.

Thicker alufoil gauges, used mainly for the manufacture of semi-rigid foil trays and technical applications rose by 1.2 %, while thinner gauges used mainly in flexible packaging and household foil fell by 4.5 %. Exports outside the EAF A region* grew by almost 10 %.

EAF A President François Coëffic remains confident for 2011: “After a destocking phase, especially on converter level, we expect 2011 to remain on track towards one of the best years in alufoil’s history. The European aluminium foil producers will continue its pro-active approach to supply a sustainable and cost-effective packaging option.”

Aluminium foil characteristics are strength, formability and barrier properties which have made it an essential part of many flexible packaging and container applications. Other uses of aluminium foil include automotive and heat exchange components, insulation material and many industrial applications.



The European Aluminium Foil Association is the international body representing companies engaged in the rolling and rewinding of alufoil and in the manufacture of alufoil containers and of all kind of flexible packaging. Its more than 100 members include companies in Western, Central and Eastern Europe. EAF A’s foil roller members account for about 98 per cent of the total European foil market and represent nearly all countries in Europe, including Russia and Turkey.

** EAF A region covers Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and UK*

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