This Report on the General Chemicals (Inorganic) Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in manufacturing chemical elements (including carbon) and compounds excluding those containing carbon (except for certain simple compounds such as calcium carbide, carbon disulphide and carbon dioxide). Prepared inorganic pigments, fertilisers and radio-active inorganic elements, compounds and isotopes, mixtures of chemicals and certain compounds used mainly for specific end-uses (such as hydrosulphites and hypochlorites) are excluded..

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 271(1) in the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968) which has been used for the first time as a basis of classification in the 1968 Census.

The industry was included in the General Chemicals Industry (Part 27) in the Reports on the last detailed Census of Production for 1963: together with the reports on the General Chemicals (Organic) Industry (Part 28) and the General Chemicals (other than Inorganic and Organic) Industry (Part 29) it broadly corresponds with the 1963 report on the General Chemicals Industry except that creosote/pitch mixtures for use as fuel are contained in the 1968 report on Coke Ovens and Manufactured Fuels Industry (Part 24); pharmaceutical chemicals in the Pharmaceutical Chemicals and Preparations Industry (Part 30); higher fatty alcohols in the Soap and Detergents Industry (Part 33); silicones and synthetic rubber in the Synthetic Resins and Plastics Materials and Synthetic Rubber Industry (Part 34); pigments in the Dyestuffs and Pigments Industry (Part 35); ammonium nitrate and ammonium phosphates in the Fertilisers Industry (Part 36) ; cellulose nitrate in the Explosives, Fireworks and Matches Industry (Part 39); and photographic developers and other compounded preparations for photographic purposes in the Photographic Chemical Materials Industry (Part 43).

Throughout this Report the figures given for 1963 have been reclassified as far as possible according to the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968) so that data for 1963 and 1968 are on the same industrial basis. However the reclassification of small firms which provided limited information only, has been arbitrary. Comparability of figures between 1963 and 1968 is further affected in this industry, and elsewhere in the Chemicals Order, by differences in the reporting units of large firms engaged in distinct processes of chemical and chemical products manufacture.

In interpreting the data in the tables it is essential to bear in mind the notes and definitions which appear on pages (i) to (iv).
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(d) Including services rendered to other organisations (anounts charged for hiring out plant
machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services
rendered).
(e) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.
(f) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.
(g) Acquisitions less disposals.

TABLE 1 Industry summary, 1963 and 1968 (a) United Kingdom (b) (c)

(a) The 1963 and 1968 figures in this table are not strictly comparable - see paragraph 4 of the
introduction to this report.
(b) For 1968, estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns and for small establishments, from which only employment data were collected, accounted for 4 per cent. of the total figures in
which they were incorporated: of this, unsat infactory returns accounted for 2 per cent. For 1963 which they were incorporated: of this, unsat isf actory returns accounted
the comparable f igures were 2 per cent. and less than 1 per cent. respect ively.
(c) The following information relates to small establishments (employing fewer than 25 persons) in this industry. It includes an estimate for small establishments not making sat isfactory returns.

> Number of establishments Average number employed: Working proprietors Other persons employed

1963
104
102
926
1968
144
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TABLE 2 Analysis by size of establishment within the industry, 1968
(i) Output and employment

All establishments: United Kingdom

| Number employed on average during the year by the est abl i shment (a) | Estabmen't s | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} \text { Enter- } \\ \text { prises } \\ \text { (b) } \end{array}$ | Total number employed on average during the year (a) | Gross output | Net output | Net output per head |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Number | Number | £'000 | $£^{\prime} 000$ | £ |
| 1-5 | 38 | 38 | 108 | .. | .. |  |
| 6-10 | 28 | 27 | 209 | . |  |  |
| 11-24 | 45 | 37 | 760 | .. | . | . |
| 25-49 | 35 | 24 | 1,373 | 15,194 | 5,240 | 3,819 |
| 50-99 | 33 | 18 | 2,496 | 18,377 | 8,096 | 3,243 |
| 100-199 | 33 | 19 | 4,714 | 37,554 | 15,816 | 3,355 |
| 200-299 | 16 | 9 | 3,892 | 34,851 | 14,537 | 3,735 |
| 300-399 | 9 | 8 | 3,133 | 24,816 | 9,542 | 3,046 |
| 400-749 | 19 | 15 | 9, 227 | 78,610 | 33,663 | 3,648 |
| 750 and over | 5 | 4 | 14,609 | 116, 221 | 58,956 | 4,036 |
| Unsatisfactory returns | 45 | 42 | 829 | .. | .. | .. |
| Total | 306 | 190 | 41,350 | 341,261(c) | 152,928(c) | 3,698(c) |

(ii) Employees, wages and sal aries

All establishments: United Kingdom

| Number employed on average during the year by the est abl $i$ shment (a) | Employees |  | Wages and sal aries |  | Wages and salaries per head |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Openatives | 0thers (d) | Operatives | 0 thers (d) | Operatives | 0 thers (d) |
|  | Number | Number | £’000 | £'000 | £ | £ |
| 1-5 | .. | . | . | .. | .. | .. |
| 6-10 | . | .. |  | .. | . | . |
| 11-24 | .. | . | . | . | . | $\cdots$ |
| 25-49 | 966 | 401 | 1,114 | 545 | 1,153 | 1,360 |
| 50-99 | 1,639 | 851 | 1,867 | 1,065 | 1,139 | 1,251 |
| 100-199 | 3,093 | 1,621 | 3,712 | 2,242 | 1,200 | 1,383 |
| 200-299 | 2,710 | 1,182 | 3,231 | 1,519 | 1,192 | 1,286 |
| 300-399 | 2,125 | 1,008 | 2,515 | 1,392 | 1,184 | 1,381 |
| 400-749 | 6,090 | 3, 137 | 6,985 | 4,009 | 1,147 | 1,278 |
| 750 and over | 9,584 | 5,025 | 11,682 | 8,839 | 1,219 | 1,759 |
| Unsatisfactory returns |  | .. |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 27,426(c) | 13,844(c) | 32,555(c) | 20,500(c) | 1,187(c) | 1,481(c) |

(a) Including working proprietors.
(b) The sum of the figures for the size groups exceeds the total for the industry to the extent that enterprises made returns for establishments in more than one
size group.
(c) Including estimates for establishments employing fewer than 25 persons and for
establishments not making satisfactory returns.

TABLE 3 Percentage analysis of employees, by age and sex, 1969 (a)
All establiishments: United Kingdom

| Ages | Males | Fenales | All employees |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 18 | Per cent. | Per cent. | Per cent. |
|  | 1 | 1 | 2 |
|  | 82 | 16 | 98 |
|  | 83 | 17 | 100 |

Source: Department of Employment
(a) The percentages relate to the numbers employed (excluding Working proprietors) in the General Chemicals Industries -
minimum list heading 271 - at June 1969, the earliest date for which the information is available on the basis of the Standard Industrial Classificat ion (Revised 1968).
(d) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

Footnotes to Table 4.
(a) The 1963 and 1968 figures in this table are not strictly comparable - see paragraph 4 of the introduction to this repor
b) Some establishments employing fewer than 25 persons wer Some establishments employing fewer than 25 persons wer
included in returns for iarger establishments. These amounted to 14 establ ishments in 1968 and 19 in 1963
(c) Including services rendered to other organisations (amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing tran.
(d) Direct sales of goods (excluding canteen takings) made to and work done for the general publ ic by larger establishments are included. These amounted to $£ 34,000$ in 1968
Thi is the ratio of tol sales of principl
(e) This is the ratio of total sales of principal products by
the industry to total sales of goods produced and work done
(f) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.
(g) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in
production.

TABLE 4 Analysis of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968 (a)
Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received,
United Kingdom (b)


[^0]|  | 1963 |  | 1968 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Enterprises | Entries |
| Acids | Th.tons | £'000 | Th.tons | £'000 | Number | Number |
| Hydrochloric (as at 1.14 spec ific gravity) | 276 | 2,620 | 185 | 3,224 | 18 | 18 |
| Hydrofluoric and hydrogen fluoride (in terms of HF) (b) | 6.0 | 840 | 20.0 | 2,348 | 5 | 6 |
| Phosphoric (ortho-, meta-, and pyro-, in terms of 100 per cent. ortho-phosphor ic acid equivalent) | 19.5 | 1,700 | 53.4 | 3.818 | 5 | 10 |
| Sulphuric including oleum (in terms of 100 per cent. acid) (c) | 1,479 | 12, 266 | 1,467 | 13,930 | 25 | 43 |
| Nitric (in terms of 100 per cent. acid), hydrocyanic and hydrogen cyanide (in terms of HCN), and other inorganic acids | .. | 5,349 | .. | 6,161 | 16 | 28 |
| Aluminium compounds (other than bauxite and abrasives) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aluminium oxide and hydroxide (in terms of $\mathrm{AI}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ ) | 31.5 .. | $\begin{array}{r} 996 \\ 3,111 \end{array}$ | 102 | 3,821 | 6 | 6 |
| Aluminium sulphate (in terms of $\mathrm{AI}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ ) |  |  | 178 | 47586 | 6 | 7 |
| 0 ther inorganic aluminium compounds |  | 2,985 | .. | 509 | 9 | 11 |
| Ammonium compounds, excluding sulphate, nitrate and phosphates | . | 1,238 | .. | 1,504(c) | 13 | 15 |
| Barium compounds (excluding natural minerals) (d) | 27.5 | 1,380 | 35.2 | 1,960 | 10 | 10 |
| Blacks, mineral and carbon |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Furnace black | 125 | 8,354 | 177 | 11,731 | 5 | 5 |
| 0 ther (including thermal and lamp black) | 5.4 | 337 | . | 519 | 5 | 5 |
| Cadmium compounds (e) | . | 888 | 0.6 | 1,204 | 11 | 11 |
| Calcium compounds (f) | . | 5,482 |  | 3,358 | 16 | 23 |
| Hydrogen |  |  | Mn.cu.ft. $14,800$ | 5,105 | 9 | 11 |
| Carbon dioxide | - . | 6,572 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Th.tons } \\ & 277 \end{aligned}$ | 5,097 | 8 | 21 |
| Carbon disulphide | 88.3 | 4,008 | 101 | 5,318 | * | * |
| Carbon, decolourising and other active | 8.1 | 943 | 9.6 | 1,123 | * | * |
| Chromium compounds | .. | (g) | 36.2 | 4,431 | 5 | 7 |
| Cobalt compounds (h) | 1.9 | 1,035 | 2.1 | 1,727 | 5 | 5 |
| Copper compounds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0xides | .. | (g) | . | 620 | 11 | 11 |
| Other (including copper sulphate) | 25.4 | 1,867(i) | . | 4,710 | 15 | 17 |
| Fullers' earth, activated | .. | 1,146 | 40.3 | 1,355 | * | * |
| Iron compounds (including double salts of iron and other bases) | .. | (g) | 92.4 | 1,160 | 8 | 8 |
| Lead compounds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0xides | 25.9 | 2,207 | . | 4,473 | 5 | 9 |
| Other inorganic lead compounds (excluding pigments and white lead) | 2.5 | 324 | .. | 1,243 | 13 | 14 |



TABLE 6 Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments classified to
other industries, 1963 and 1968 (a) other industries, 1963 and 1968 (a)
Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

1phuric and other inorganic acids
Al uninium compounds (other than bauxite
and abrasives)
Ammonium compounds excluding sulphate
Calc ium compounds
Copper compounds
Lead compounds
Magnes ium compounds
Phosphorus and phosphorus compounds
Potassium compounds
Sodium and sodium compounds
Blacks, mineral and carbon
Other inorganic chemicals
Total

| 1963 |  | 1968 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quant ity | Value | Quant ity | Value | Entries | Principal industries in which produced (b) |
|  | £'000 |  | £'000 | Number |  |
| . | 6,152 | . | 6,129 | 34 | 28, 35, 36, 39 |
| . | 849 | .. | 442 | 10 | 28, 29, 35, 126 |
| . | 182 | .. | 247 | 8 | 29,35, 39, 152 |
| . | 988 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Th.tons } \\ 0.8 \end{gathered}$ | 182 | 10 | 28,29,49 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Th.tons } \\ 2.1 \end{gathered}$ | 185 | . | 1,052 | 10 | 29, 32,48,93 |
| . | 1,022 | .. | 2,907 | 12 | 29, 35, 49, 97 |
| .. | 612 | . | 133 | 10 | 29,30 |
| .. | 582 | . | 1,552 | 11 | 28, 29, 38 |
| 22.6 | 1,430 | . | 243 | 7 | 28, 29, 30,93 |
| .. | 17,788 | . | 2,743 | 25 | 28, 29, 32,36 |
| ] |  | . | 350 | * | 29,34,35 |
| \} $\cdot \cdot$ | 24,676 | .. | 34,999 | 66 | 29, 36,49,93 |
|  | 54,465 |  | 50,979 |  |  |

(a) The 1963 and 1968 figures in this table are not strictly comparable - see paragraph 4 of the
(a) introduction to this report.
(b) The references given are to the list of industries at the front of this report.

Foot notes continued from page 27/8.
(e) For 1963 described as 'Cadmium salts and compounds, including plating salts but excluding phosphates and pigments'.
(f) For 1963 described as 'Calcium salts and compounds (other than phosphates)'
(g) Not recorded separately for 1963 .
(h) For 1963 described as 'Cobalt oxides, salts and compounds, inorganic excluding phosphates and pigments'
Copper sulphate only for 1963.
(j) For 1963 described as 'Magnesium salts and compounds (excluding phosphates)'.
(k) For 1963 descr ibed as'Mercury, refined, and mercury salts and compounds, inorganic (excluding phosphates)'
(m) For 1963 included with other inganic chemical
(m) For 1963 described as 'Potassium salts and compound
compounded preparations for photographic purposes)'
) For 1963 described as 'Rare earth compounds, inorganic and organic (including phosphates),
(a) The 1963 and 1968 figures in this table are not strictly comparable - see paragraph 4 of the introduction
to this report.
(b) For 1963 described as'Hydrofluoric acid, solutions and anhydrous, in terms of anhydrous'.
(c) Including sales returned by undertakings classified to the Gas Industry in which particulars were
required from all undertakings.
(d) For 1963 described as 'Barium salts and compounds (excluding barytes and natural carbonate and
pigments). (o) For 1963 described as 'Sodium salts and compounds (o
(p) For 1963 described as 'Zinc salts and sulphate' only
(q) This figure represents the total number of returns made for larger establishments in this (q) This figure represents the total number of returns made for arger establishments in this
industry which is less than the total number of establishments shown in Table 4 on account of combined returns covering more than one establishment.

[^1]TABLE 7 Sales of other than principal products by larger establishments in the industry, 1963 and 1968 (a)
Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns rece ived, United Kingdom

|  | 1963 |  | 1968 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | Value | Quant ity | Value |
| General chemicals |  | £'000 | Th.tons | £ ${ }^{\prime} 000$ |
| Organic |  |  |  |  |
| Alcohols (butyl, acyclic and pentaerythritol) |  |  | 1.9 | 357 |
| Hal ogenated derivatives of hydrocarbons |  |  | 36.4 | 3,184 |
| Hydrocarbons, aliphat ic and cyclic | . | 11,583 | 47.2 | 6,414 |
| Salts of organic acids, with inorganic bases |  |  | 7.6 | 1,615 |
| Other organic chemicals |  |  | . | 3,711 |
| Other than inorganic and organic |  |  |  |  |
|  | Th.tons |  |  |  |
| Bleaching materials (excluding hydrogen peroxide) | 76.8 | 4,164 | 100 | 5,423 |
| Catalysts, prepared for industrial processes |  |  | .. | 3,720 |
| Chemical products and preparations for metals | . | 9,200 | 3.0 | 475 |
| Other mixtures of inorganic and organic chemicals |  |  | .. | 8,603 |
| Dyestuffs and pigments | .. | 1,880 | . | 1,799 |
| Fertilizers | . | 1,134 | .. | 2,113 |
| Formulated pesticides and disinfectants | .. | 1,093 | .. | 630 |
| Copper, brass and other copper alloys, and miscellaneous base metals | .. | 2,126 | .. | 5,247 |
| Synthetic resins and plastics materials |  |  | .. | 233 |
| Other products, including steam, waste heat and electricity sold |  | 9,751 |  | 9,094 |
| Services rendered to other organisations (b) |  | 4,335 |  | 3,910 |
| Total value of goods sold without having been subjected to any manufacturing process (merchanted or factored) | .. | 32,854 | . | 27,928 |
| Canteen takings |  | 659 |  | 747 |
| Total |  | 78,779 |  | 85, 203 |

(a) The 1963 and 1968 figures in this table are not strictly comparable - see paragraph 4 of the introduction to this report.
(b) Amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport or for technical or other services rendered to other organisations.

TABLE 9 Purchases by larger establishments of principal products of the industry, 1968 (a)
Establ ishments employing 25 or more persons:
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

| StandardIndustrialClassificationMinimumListHeading | Purchasing industry (b) | Total $\underset{\text { products }}{\text { principal }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Cost |
|  |  | £'000 |
| 271/1 | General chemicals (inorganic) | 26,882 |
| 271/2 | General chemicals (organic) | 28,396 |
| 271/3 | General chemicals (other than inorganic and organic) | 13,642 |
| 272 | Pharmaceutical chemicals and preparations | 5,905 |
| 275 | Soap and detergents | 11,134 |
| 276 | Synthetic resins and plastics materials and synthetic rubber | 15,665 |
| 277 | Dyestuffs and pigments | 11,898 |
| 278 | Fertilizers | 27,004 |
| 279/7 | Photographic chemical materials | 12,524 |
| 311 | Iron and steel (general) | 14,738 |
| 411 | Production of man-made fibres | 13,118 |
| 463 | Glass | 10,293 |
| 481 | Paper and board | 4,473 |
| 491 | Rubber | 12,996 |
|  | Other industries | 33,830 |
|  | Total | 242,496 |

(a) The figures include purchases of imported as well as of home produced goods.
(b) Specified Census industries for which purchases are one per cent.,

TABLE 8 Production of certain principal products of the industry by larger establ ishments, 1963 and 1968

Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms,
details cannot be given. details cannot be given.

TABLE 10 Purchases by larger establishments in the industry, 1963 and 1968 (a) Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom


TABLE 10 (cont inued)


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|  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

TABLE 11 Transport costs and employment of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968 (a)
Establishments employing 25 or more persons:
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdo

|  | Unit | 1963 | 1968 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average number mainly employed on transport | No. | 2,737 | 2,676 |
| Transport costs |  |  |  |
| Wages and salaries | $£^{\prime} 000$ | 2,576 | 3,255 |
| Derv fuel and motor spirit | " | 761 | 1,173 |
| Tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles | " |  | 594 |
| Payments to other organisations for transport $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { by road } \\ \text { by rail and other } \\ \text { means excluding } \\ \text { postal services }\end{array}\right.$ | " | 8,232 | 6,590 3,566 |
| Costs of operating road goods vehicles |  |  |  |
| Insur ance |  | 131 | 134 |
| Vehicle licences |  | 169 | 366 |
| Depreciation |  | 609 | 1,368 |
| Payments to other organisations for repairs and maintenance |  | 304 | 672 |
| Total |  | 12,782(b) | 17,719 |

(a) The 1963 and 1968 figures in this table are not strictly comparable - see paragraph 4 of the introduction to this report
(b) Excluding tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles, not
collected separately for 1963.

Foot notes to Table 10.
(a) The 1963 and 1968 figures in this table are not strictly comparable - see
paragraph 4 of the introduction to this report.
(b) For 1963 included in all other materials for use in production.
(c) For 1963 described as 'Lead, metallic'
(d) Not recorded separately for 1963.
(e) For 1963 described as 'Ammonia liquor (in terms of 100 per cent. ammonia) and anhydrous!
(f) For 1963 oleum was not specifically included.
(g) For 1963 described as 'Phosphoric (in terms of 100 per cent. acid)'.
(h) Multiwall paper sacks only for 1963.
(i) For 1963 paper and board for converting into packaging materials were not specifically excluded.
(j) For 1963 described as 'Sheet, film, foams, etc wholly or mainly of
polyethylene (including bags and lay flat tubing),
(k) For 1963 described as 'Moulded and fabricated packs and container
(eg bottles and bottle caps) wholly or mainly of polyethylene'.
(1) 0 wing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual (1) owing to the risk of disclosure of information total quantities of electricity generated in firms' own establishments in this industry in 1963 and 1968 cannot be given.
(m) For 1968 may include a small amount of fuels not covered by specific headings.

TABLE 12 Payments for certain services, etc by larger establishments, 1963 and 1968 (a) (b)
Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

|  | Amounts payable |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1963 | 1968 |
| Repairs and maintenance to | £ '000 | £'000 |
| Buildings | 323 | 603 |
| Road goods vehicles | 304 | 672 |
| Plant, machinery and other capital equipment | 2,168 | 3,415 |
| Insurance, licensing and depreciation of road goods vehicles (c) | 910 | 1,869 |
| Rates, excluding water rates | 1,694 | 2,712 |
| Hire of plant and machinery | 299 | 1,492 |
| Postage, telephone, telegrams, cables and telex (d) | 658 | 830 |
| Total | 6,356 | 11,592 |

(a) The 1963 and 1968 figures in this table are not strictly comparable - see paragraph 4 of the introduction to this report.
(b) No deduction is made for these payments to arrive at the figures of net output given in this report.
(c) For details see Table 11.
(d) Excluding telex for 1963.

TABLE 13 Percentage analysis of twelve-month periods covered by returns from larger establishments, 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analys is of returns received, United Kingdom

| Year ended | Percentage <br> of total returns <br> received | Percentage <br> of otal number <br> employed |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| April (a) | Per cent. | Per cent. |
| May | 2.0 | 0.2 |
| June | 1.0 | 0.2 |
| July | 3.0 | 0.5 |
| August | 5.9 | 4.6 |
| September | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| October | 13.9 | 22.6 |
| November | 2.0 | 0.2 |
| December | 51.4 | 1.4 |
| 1969 | 0.0 | 62.8 |
| January | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| February | 17.8 | 0.0 |
| March | 0.0 | 7.5 |
| April (b) | 100 | 0.0 |

(a) From 6 April.
(b) To 5 April.


[^0]:    For notes to this table - see page $27 / 5$.

[^1]:    Footnotes continued on page 27/9.

