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THIS REPORT on the Soap, Candles and Glycerine Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of soaps, soap powder, soap flakes, shaving soap or cream, soap wholly or mainly in the manufacture of soaps, soap powder, soap flakes, shaving soap or cream, substitutes, soapless detergents, fatty atting and distillation.

There were no larger establishments in Northern Ireland in the register for this industry for 1954.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading $35(\mathrm{I})$ in the Standard Industrial Classification.

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The following notes describe term in general usa $t i$ ns of the terms used and a description of the scope
 ndustrial Classi fication: Establishments are classi ed to industries according to the nature of their out Standard Industrial Classification. Certain product dare identified as the principal products of individual
industries. the principal products for a given industry
 Yollowed is that an establishment is calasifined oto an
ndustry if its output of the principal products of that industry accounted for a qreater proportion of the value
of tits output than did its output of the principal pro-
ducts of any other industry rs
 value is accounted for by the characteristic products o
the specialist group. Intemediate products: For some industries figures are
given sho ing the total quantities made during the year
git of intermedicte products. i.e. products which may be
further processed in the estabishments in which they re produced.
Larger establi isments: The information given in the re-
port relates mainly to targer establishments.


 other ancilliary places of business situated apart from
the producing works are not reacarded as esparate estab-
lishments and are included in the return for the works. the producing work are not regarded as separate estab-
lis siments and are included in the return for the works.
Small firms are those employing on the average 10 or Small firms $\underset{\text { ferer persons. }}{ }$
The estimates for the industry as a whole given in
Table are oromally obtuined by increasing the other
items shown in the same proportion as total
Gross output (production) is the total value of goods
made and other work done during the year:
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od by adjusting the arlue of sales and work done during
ond di by adjusting the value of sales and work done during
the yead for changes in the value of stocks of products
on hand for sale and work in progress. Net output is the amount left after deducting from the
value of gross output the aggregate of the cost of mat rials and fuel used. the amount paid for work qiven out
ond. for 1951 and 1954, any transport payments made

 Sales means sales during the year of qoods made in the
establishment covered by the return or made on commissein for it. wheth
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delivered basis.
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 tox, etc. For goods charged on a delivered basis to
customers verseas. firms were required to give the
f.o.b. value. Materials and fuel. The total cost of materials and
fuel purchased inciudes all purchases during the year fuel purchased includes all purchases during the year
of materials for use in production, and of fuel (includ-
ing oil. gas and electricity) for all purposes: packing
materials. including the full cost of returnable cases

 Purchases of goods for merchanting are excluded. The
cost of materials and fuel ued given in Table in is
obtained by adjusting purchases for changes during the年tained by adjusting purchases for changes during the
 Customs and Excise Duty paid on materials purchased is
no rmally included in the cost of materials. Finished goods are similarly valued as they were sold, duty-paid
orduty-freei The net amount of any duty paid is de.
ducted in arriving at net output.



 sons on the pay-roll (i.e. persins whose National In-
surance cards ware held by employers). Whe ther employed
full-time or part-time. full-time or part-time.
Morking proprietors are proprietors of businesses other
than limited companies, toget ther with members of the ir families who worked in the business *ithout receiving
fixed wages or salaries. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Any persons working less than }\end{aligned}$
find
 Ireland directors of 1 imited companies (other than those
paid by fee only) are also included. Administrative, tectnical and clerical employees include
directors. other than those paid by fee only (except in
 oremen research, experimental, development, technical
and design eaployees other than operatives): draghts-
men and tracers; travellers; and office (including men and tracers; trav
works office) employees.
Operatives include all other classes
broadly speaking, all manual workers.
Outworkers are persons employed by the firm who work on
materials supplied by the firm in their own homes. Wages and salaries include all overtime payments, bonus-
es and comissions without any deductions for income tax.
 Capital expendi ture includes expenditure on new building
work. and on plant, machinery and vehicles. charged to to
 and instalation costs involved. It includes expendi-
ture in respect of establishments in Grat Britan which
had not begun production be fore the end had not be gun production before the end of the year
(mhich has not previousil been included in the Census of
Production reports for individual industries). Symbols used:
for available
for nil or negligible (less than half the final
digit shown). Where figures are rounded. e.g. given to the near-
est $\varepsilon$ thousand. the tere may be aparent slight iscrepan-
cies between the sums of constituent items and the totals shown. In some cases. figures have been combined
aith others of a similar nature where publication of Nith others of a similar nature vhe e publication of
separate details might disclose information relating to
an individual undertaking.

Estimates for the industry as a whole

|  | United Kingdom |  |  | Scotland1954 | $\underset{\substack{\text { Wales } \\ 1954}}{ }$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1948 | 1951 | 1954 |  |  |
|  | £ million | £ million | £ million | £ million | £ million |
| Gross output (production) | 59.3 | 91.9 | 94. | 1.6 | - |
| Net output | 15.6 | 20.7 | 28.7 | 0.61 | - |
| Total stocks and work in progress At beginning of year Change during year | 10.9 | 15.7 $+\quad 5.9$ | 12.7 $+\quad 1.5$ | 0.33 -0.01 | : |
| Capital expenditure less disposals (a) | 1.2 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 0.04 | - |
| mages and salaries | 7.0 | 9.5 | 10.6 | 0.25 | - |
| Total employment (including | Thousands | Thousands | Thousands | Thousands | Thousands |

(a) Capital expenditure on new building work, plant, machinery and vehicles. (including (except in 1948 ) that
incurred in Great Britain for establishments not yet in production). less amounts received for plant. machinery and vehicles disposed of.

Surmary of returns received
TABLE 2

|  | Unit | $\begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain } \\ 1948 \end{gathered}$ | United Kingdom |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1951 | 1954 |
| Firms employing on average more than 10 persons |  |  |  |  |
| Number of establishments | №. | 160 | 134 | 115 |
|  | £.000 | 56.011 3.409 | 86.356 5.299 | $\begin{array}{r}90.872 \\ \hline 4.959\end{array}$ |
|  | $\ddot{\square}$ | r <br> 182 <br> $+\quad 55.58$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { S } \\ \hline 1.299 \\ \hline 88.93 \\ \hline 8800\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}4.959 \\ +\quad 348 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Cross output (production) ${ }_{\text {cosem }}^{\text {Customs and Excise rebate }}$ | ". | 55,585 | 88,300 | 91, 220 |
| Purchases of materials and fuel | " | 40.207 | 69.729 |  |
| Stocks of materials and fuel $\begin{aligned} & \text { at beginning of year } \\ & \text { change during year }\end{aligned}$ | ". | $\begin{array}{r}6.288 \\ -\quad 6.784 \\ \hline .519\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}69.729 \\ +\quad 9.812 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}62.363 \\ +\quad 7.403 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Cost of materials and fuel used ${ }^{\text {Payment }}$ ( | ". | - $\begin{array}{r}\text { 40.726 }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { a } \\ \hline 66.713 \\ \hline 6.016\end{array}$ | + $\begin{array}{r}1.104 \\ \hline 61.259\end{array}$ |
| Payment for work done on materials given out | ". | 214 908 | 661 1,986 | 61, 1.841 1.841 |
| Net output |  |  |  |  |
| Average number of employees $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { operatives } \\ \text { others }\end{array}\right.$ | No. | 14,943 | ${ }_{16.348}$ | ${ }_{14.045}$ |
| Total employment (d) (others | * | 5.899(c) | -6.845 | 7.424 |
| Net output per person employed (d) | \% | 702 | ${ }_{859}$ | 21,296 1.292 |
| Wages and salaries $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { of operatives } \\ \text { of others }\end{array}\right.$ | $\varepsilon^{\prime} 000$ | 3.893 | 5.289 | 5,953 |
|  |  |  |  | 4.360 |
| pital expenditure |  |  |  |  |
| New building work (e) (acquisitions (e) | $\cdots$ | 179 | ${ }_{5}^{547}$ | 481 |
| Plant and machinery $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { acquisitions } \\ \text { disposals }\end{array}\right.$ | .. | 911 40 |  | $\begin{array}{r}106 \\ \\ \\ \hline 1895\end{array}$ |
| Vehicles $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { acquisitions (e) } \\ \text { disposals }\end{array}\right.$ | ". | $\begin{array}{r}134 \\ \hline 26\end{array}$ | ${ }_{142}^{44}$ | ${ }_{393}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of returns |  |  |  |  |
| Total employment. including working proprietors | No. | ${ }_{1.138}^{205}$ | ${ }_{754(\mathrm{f})}^{143(\mathrm{f})}$ | ${ }_{596}^{114}$ |

(a) For the year 1948 gross output excludes payments for transport services outwards on finished goods sold.
For subsequent years gross output includes payments to other firms and undertakings and to firms. own

 cover payments for transport of both fin
(c) Number in week ended September 25 , 1948.
d) Including work ing proprietors
(d) Including working proprietors.
(e) Excludishents not yet in production
(f) Excluding expenditure for estang Northern Ireland. No information about small firm

| Average number employed (a) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Estab- } \\ & \text { Hish- } \\ & \text { ments } \end{aligned}$ | ( $\begin{gathered}\text { Gross } \\ \text { output }\end{gathered}$ | Netoutput | Employees |  | Wages and salaries |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Capital } \\ \text { expenditure } \\ \text { (b) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \begin{array}{c} \text { Net output } \\ \text { per person } \\ \text { employed } \\ \text { (a) } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Operatives | Others | Operatives | Others |  |  |
|  | Number | \& 000 | $\varepsilon^{\prime} 000$ | Number | Number | $£^{\prime} 000$ | £ 000 | $\varepsilon^{\prime} 000$ | $\varepsilon$ |
| 11-24(c) | 36 | 1.516 | 519 | 404 | 231 | 128 | 124 | ${ }^{31}$ | 814 |
| 25-49 | 30 | 2.653 | 894 | 732 | 326 | 251 | 195 | 66 | 845 |
| 50-99 | 22 | 3.395 | 1.248 | 968 | 583 | 324 | 305 | 125 | 805 |
| 100-199 | 11 | 5.239 | 1.317 | 1.049 | 442 | 387 | 28 | 382 | 883 |
| 200-299 | 3 | 2.431 | 767 | 603 | 168 | 249 | 102 | 126 | 99 |
| $300-499$ | 3 | 2.847 | 883 | 1.052 | 349 | 383 | 200 | 67 | ${ }^{630}$ |
| 500-1.499 | 6 | 23.861 | 8.230 | 3.355 | 2.028 | 1.450 | 1.180 | (d) | 1.529 |
| 1,500 and over | 4 | 49.277 | 13.968 | 5.882 | 3.297 | 2.780 | 1.973 | (d) | 1.522 |
| Total | 115 | 91.220 | 27.827 | 14.045 | 7.424 | 5.953 | 4.360 | 3.268 | 1,296 |

(a) Including working proprietors. (c) Ixponditure for establishments not yet in production (c) were included with those for larger establishments on a single return,
(d) oming to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms, separate particulars cannot (d) ouring to th

Analysis according to specialisation within the industry, 1954 Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE



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table 7
Larger establishments in the United Kingdom


Sales of principal products of the industry by establishments classified to other industries
Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

| TABLE 6 |
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(a) The volume number and industry references given are to the industries shown in the list at the back
of this report.

Total make of intermediate products Larger establishments in the United Kingdom
TABLE 8

|  | Returned in all industries (a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1951 | 1954 |  |
|  | Quantity | Quantity | Entries |
| Glycerine | Th.owt. | Th. cwt. | Number |
| Crude (on the basis of $80 \%$ glycerol) | 592 | 522 | 39 |
| Distilled (on the basis of 98\% glycerol) | 486 | 463 | 10 |
| Oleine and oleic acid | 340 | 351 | 8 |
| Stearine (stearic acid) | 327 | 249 | 8 |
| Other acid oils (including fatty acids) | 764 |  |  |
| Fatty alcohols (from sperm oil) | - | 735 | 8 |

(a) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual fir
intermediate products made in this industry cannot be given separately.

| Larger establishments in the United Kingdom |
| :--- |
| TABLE 9 ( |


|  | Quantity | Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fuel and electricity | Th.tons | $¢^{\circ} 000$ |
| Coal | 282.1 | 1.030 |
| Coke | 3.1 | 15 |
| Liquid fuel (including creosote/pitch mixtures) |  | 7 |
| For use in internal combustion engines | Th.gal. |  |
| Motor spirit (petrol) for use in road vehicles and derv. fuel Other | 994.8 27.3 | 198 |
| For burning in furnaces, boilers, kilns, etc. | $\begin{array}{r} 27.3 \\ 10.691 .0 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{410}$ |
| Gas purchased | Th. therms | 410 |
| From Gas Boards |  |  |
| From other sources. including other departments of the same firms | 2,009.8 | 96 |
| Electricity purchased | Th. kWh . |  |
| From Electricity Boards | 77.143.0 | 376 |
| From other sources. including other departments of the same firms | 8.065.0 | 28 8 |
| All other purchased fuel. <br> Total cost |  | 50 |
|  |  |  |
|  |  | 62,363 |
| Average number of employees and wages, salaries and superannuation payments (a) <br> TABLE 10 <br> Larger establishments in the United Kingdom |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | 1951 | 1954 |
| Average number of employees Operatives Administrative, technical and clerical employees Total | Number | Number |
|  | 16.348 6.845 | $\begin{array}{r} 14.045 \\ 7.424 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  | 23.193 | 21,469 |
| Wages and salaries paid to Operatives <br> Administrative. technical and clerical employees Total | £ 000 | $\varepsilon^{\prime} 000$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 5.289 \\ & 3.880 \end{aligned}$ | 5.953 4.360 |
|  | 9.169 | 10.314 |


|  | 1951 | 1954 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\varepsilon$ | $\varepsilon$ |
| Wages and salaries per head |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 385 \\ & 567 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{587}^{424}$ |
|  |  | £. 000 |
| Superannuation and other pension funds for employees and dependents |  |  |
| Employers' contributions | .. | 443 |
|  |  | Number |
| Employees covered | .. | $\begin{array}{r} 12.621 \\ \varepsilon^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ |
| Pension, etc. payments to former employees and dependents | .. | 117 |

(a) The following persons not included above

|  | 1951 | 1954 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Number |
| $\underset{\substack{\text { Canteen morkers } \\ \text { Male }}}{ }$ | 37 | 37 |
| Female | 394 | 383 |
| Total | 431 | 420 |
| Other workers Male |  | 227 |
| Female | 170 | 199 |
| Total | 394 | 426 |
| Total excluded employees | 825 | 846 |

Employment in a specified week (a) Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

|  | 1951 |  |  | 1954 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Total | Males | Females | Total |
| Working proprietors | 9 | - | 9 | 3 | - | 3 |
| Operatives | 9.462 | 6.668 | 16.130 | 8.856 | 5.775 | 14.631 |
| Administrative, technical and clerical employees | 4.261 | 2.693 | 6,954 | 4.266 | 3.180 | 7.446 |
| Total employees | 13.723 | 9.361 | 23, 084 | 13.122 | 8.955 | 22.077 |

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