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Chemical industry makes up about 9% of all manufacturing Industries.

Chemical industry is characterized by an almost complete monopoly of the state.

As for the certain types of chemical products Belarus is one of the leaders in the world and among the countries of the CIS.

Belarus plans to build new plants in 2013.

Lately a revival of dialogue with foreign investors has been observed.

The chemical industry is traditionally export-oriented.

Annual production at actual prices amounts to from 3.5 to 8.9 bln USD. In 2013, the production of chemical products amounted to 8.6 bln USD. Chemical industry commodities occupy 12-17% of total exports of the country. The main products of the Belarusian chemistry are fertilizers, chemical fibers and yarns, tires, polyethylene and others.

Almost all the major chemical productions in the country are controlled by the state. 3 companies (Belaruskaliy, Grodno Azot, Gomel Chemical Plant) are engaged in fertilizers production with the share of the state in them estimating to more than 99%. Fiber and polymer productions – MogilevKhimvolokno, Polymir "Naftan", SvetlogorskKhimvolokno – also almost entirely belong to the Republic of Belarus.

In terms of volume of potash fertilizers production Belarus is currently the third biggest countries in the world after Canada and Russia, and in terms of their production per capita – the first one. "Belaruskaliy" OJSC is one of the largest producers of potash fertilizers in the world and across the CIS. The company accounts for 15% of global potash production. Polyethylene production in Belarus is also one of the largest across the CIS. Capacity of Polymir plant is comparable with companies such as Kazanorgsintez Tomskneftekhim, Ufaorgsintez and others. Global production of chemicals and integrated fiber and yarns Belarus accounts for 0.6% of the release - production of highly developed petrochemical industry.

In 2013, Belarus completed the construction of three factories of complex fertilizers production with a capacity of 240 thsd tons per year each. These volumes should be sufficient both for the domestic market and for export. By the end of 2015 implementation of a major project on modernization the production is planned for "MogilevKhimvolokno" OJSC, involving the construction of a new industrial complex. In addition, a construction of a new nitrogen complex for "Grodno Azot" OJSC is planned, as well as a new ethylene-propylene positioning based on Polymir ("Naftan") plant in 2013.

In the near future attraction of foreign investment for large-scale projects in the industry is expected. Belarus is ready to consider a strategic partnership with investors in the chemical industry. Also, an investment project worth 1.5 bln USD fully financed by foreign investors is implemented in the potash industry.

Belarusian chemical industry is export-oriented. In 2012, the export of chemical products reached recording 7.6 bln USD. Thus, the country exports virtually all of the produced potash fertilizers, 40-50% of produced nitrogen fertilizers, 70-80% of the production of chemical fibers and yarns, 60-70% of polyethylene, about 70% of the production of tires.

However, Belarus has consistently negative balance of Foreign trade of items as products of organic and inorganic chemistry, pharmaceuticals, paints and varnishes, dyes.

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