



## Overview of Chemicals Market

Over the past several years, China has experienced steady growth in both the import and export of chemicals (which include agricultural chemicals, industrial chemicals, petrochemicals, and plastics). According to the International Council of Chemical Associations, China is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest chemical importing nation and the 12<sup>th</sup> largest chemical exporting nation in the world. The United States is the only leading exporting country that enjoys a slight trade surplus with China in the area of chemicals. It is expected that China will continue to rely on foreign imports in the foreseeable future.



## Opportunities and Trends

The best opportunity for US companies to penetrate the South Chinese chemicals market is in the area of **fine and specialty chemicals**. The development of the domestic fine and specialty chemicals industry has been limited to the production of low-end general purpose chemicals. Consequently, there is particular demand for foreign imports of higher-end fine and specialty chemicals which are non-toxic and environmentally safe. Potential opportunities for U.S. suppliers are especially present in the following chemical categories:

- Construction and industrial coatings
- Environmental protection (such as chemicals for water treatment and soil treatment)
- Plastics and rubber
- Personal care (such as cosmetics, perfumes, and household cleaning products)
- Leather tanning
- Dye, pigments, and other chemicals used in textiles



## South China Snapshot: Chemicals

### Major Upcoming Trade Shows:

#### All China Leather Exhibition 2009

September 2-4, 2009

Shanghai, China

[www.aplf.com](http://www.aplf.com)

#### CHINACOAT (The China Int'l Exhibition for Coatings, Printing Inks and Adhesives)

November 18-20, 2009

Shanghai, China

<http://www.chinacoat.net>

#### PCHi 2010 (Personal Care Ingredients Show)

March 10-12, 2010

Shanghai, China

<http://www.PCHi-China.com>

#### CHINA INTERDYE 2009 - The 10th China International Dye Industry, Pigments and Textile Chemicals Exhibition

April 14-16, 2010

Shanghaimart and Intex Shanghai

<http://www.chinainterdy.com>

#### ChinaPlas - 24th International Exhibition on Plastics and Rubber Industries

April 19-22, 2010

Shanghai, China

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