

(Reference 2)

Tolylene Diisocyanate

1. Outline of the product

Tolylene diisocyanate is a transparent liquid manufactured from toluene, which is also called tolylenediisocyanate, toluene diisocyanate, or TDI.

It is mainly used as a raw material for polyurethane, which are applied to flexible foams for car seats, bedding, and other articles, as well as a material used for manufacturing coating materials, adhesives, sealants, etc.

2. Changes in the volume of imports of tolylene diisocyanate

(Unit: ton)

	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2010→FY2012 Rate of change (%)
Volume of imports (World total)	4,934	10,797	16,058	225.5%
From China	0	3,704	14,039	Full growth
From ROK	2,867	3,773	1,595	-44.4%
From U.S.	2,033	2,849	390	-80.8%
From other countries	34	471	35	2.9%

(Source: Trade Statistics, Ministry of Finance)