



The **ICIS China Methanol Annual Study** provides an integrated view of data as well as expert analysis of current and future year trends. Trade flows, capacities, and supply and demand data are also included to enable you to create robust plans – whether for production and investment activity or to make the most of emerging opportunities within China's domestic markets.

## Overview

Methanol imports into China totalled around 1.67m tonnes during the first half of 2014, down by 41% year on year. The dramatic fall in methanol imports was mainly because of planned turnarounds and shutdowns or production curtailments at some plants in southeast Asia and the Middle East, due to equipment or gas supply problems. China's methanol imports in 2014 are estimated at 4.60m tonnes, down by 5% year on year, in light of persistently weak plant operating statuses in southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Chinese domestic methanol output is estimated at around 39.4m tonnes in 2014, up by around 15% year on year because of large capacity additions from new methanol plants, alongside stable operation at major domestic coal-to-methanol plants.

Demand from the coal-based methanol to olefins industry is estimated to increase by over 20% in 2014, and demand from the acetic acid and gasoline blending industries are relatively strong. The bearish DME market and the implementation of VAT tax reform in China have dragged down the run rates of domestic MTBE plants from the end of July. Demand from the DME and MTBE industries is weak as a result. According to ICIS China, methanol demand from the domestic downstream industries will increase by around 12% year on year in 2014.

China is the largest methanol import market within Asia and a key driver of international prices. The ICIS China Methanol Annual Study will enable you to access in-depth information to better understand how China's methanol market will fare next year.

## Highlights of the report

- Comprehensive market outlook for 2014
- Key developments and drivers of the Chinese methanol market, based on the local insights
- Accurate analysis and forecasting for China methanol
- In-depth import and export market analysis
- Detailed overview and analysis of price drivers in 2014

## Key topics covered

- How demand from emerging downstream industries such as methanol to olefins (MTO)/coal to olefins (CTO) impacts the market
- What expansion projects are planned in the Chinese domestic market for 2015?

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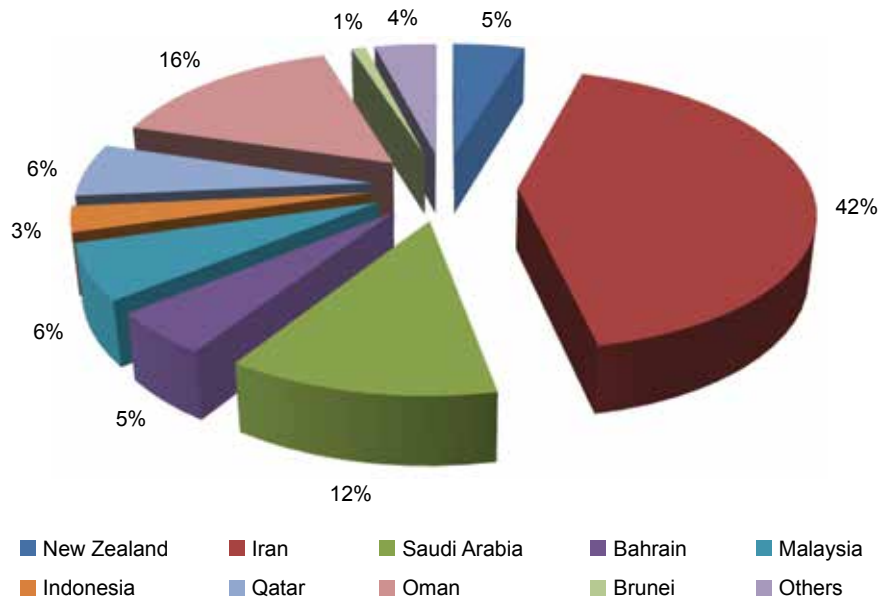
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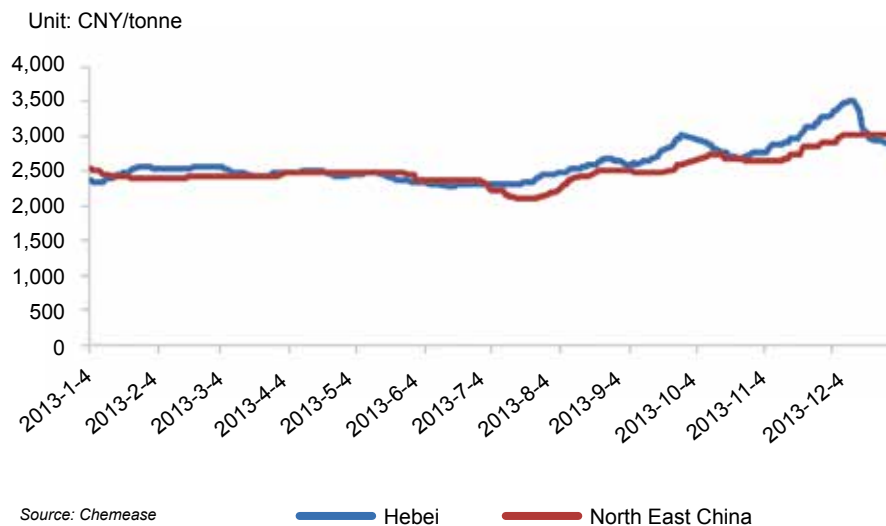
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