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Adhesives & Sealants, Printing Inks, Paints & Varnishes Industry under pressure due to shortage of raw materials

As demand for adhesives and sealants, printing inks, paints and varnishes grows, adhesives and sealants companies across Europe are facing serious supply shortages of key raw materials and chemicals.

Supply shortages have their origin in a number of factors: on the one hand, the general economic recovery in many sectors, especially in China, where unexpectedly rapid growth is taking place, but also in the USA and Europe, where it is fuelling demand for key raw materials.

On the other hand, the pandemic emergency is still causing serious difficulties for international trade: transport by land and especially by sea is made difficult by restrictive measures on the movement of goods. In particular, there are serious difficulties in the handling of sea containers, with implications on increasingly uncertain transport times and limited availability of goods.

Adverse weather conditions in the South of the United States, among other things, have exacerbated the situation, compromising much of the production capacity of US refineries and chemical companies.

Shortages of raw materials are having a knock-on effect, with some plants having to be shut down. The already limited production capacity has also been debilitated by some extraordinary shutdowns.

"After a 2020 severely marked by the Covid-19 pandemic, our sectors are once again facing complex and difficult challenges this year: the shortage of raw materials and the consequent prices and transport increase are determining factors in the overall cost of manufacturing our products," states Paolo Pellegrini, President of Avisa, the Association of Federchimica representing manufacturers of adhesives and sealants, printing inks, paints and varnishes.

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