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THE CHEMICAL WHOLESALE TRADE IN FIGURES – 2007 OVERALL VIEW

A. THE CHEMICAL WHOLESALE TRADE

(changes vs. 2006)

• Turnover: <i>(in million € without value added tax)</i>	12.040	(+ 10,2 %)
of which:		
- <i>inventory holding distribution</i>	3.689	(+ 5,4 %)
- <i>import/export speciality trade</i>	8.351	(+ 13,3 %)
-- <i>inland</i>	4.381	(+ 12,4 %)
-- <i>abroad</i>	3.970	(+ 14,4 %)
• Total number of jobs:	6.905	(+ 1,1 %)
of which:		
- <i>inventory holding distribution</i>	4.833	(+ 1,3 %)
- <i>import/export speciality trade</i>	2.072	(+ 0,7 %)

B. INVENTORY HOLDING DISTRIBUTOR BUSINESS

• Turnover in terms of quantity: <i>(in tons)</i>	6.193.000	(+ 1,5 %)
of which:		
- <i>acids and alkalis</i>	3.930.000	(+ 2,1 %)
- <i>solvents</i>	920.000	(+ 1,2 %)
- <i>solid products</i>	901.000	(- 1,9 %)
- <i>specialities</i>	442.000	(+ 4,3 %)
• <i>Investment quota:</i>	2007: 3,85 %	2006: 3,95 %
• Environment protection as investment-motivation: <i>(in % of all investments)</i>	20,1 %	(23,4 %)