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5,3
kilo/inhab.

Domestic market per
capita consumption

+11,2%

Interannual variation of
aluminum consumption
in Argentina

+337
million
dollars

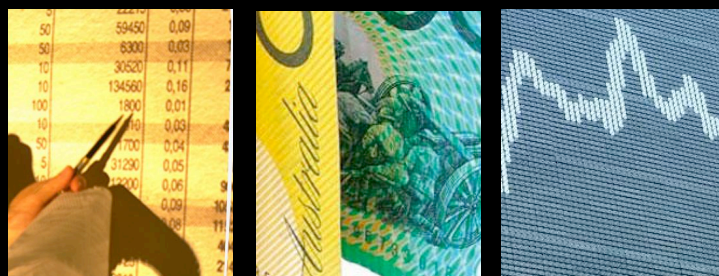
Chapter 76 foreign
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Aluminum Industry in Argentina

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Information useful to everyone

This is a year that brings good news in every sense.

In a general way, since our country continues its economic growth path, and Aluminum is part of this impulse, since in 2007 it has broken every record. This is so as the production of aluminum was the highest ever. Likewise, the consumption of aluminum was also the highest ever. The almost 210.000 tons requested by the domestic market set a new high, out passing last year's figure by 11% (which was the previous record mark). Furthermore, the consumption growth is manifested in every industry end-use market, especially in those where aluminum demand is pulled by the sector activity (Building and Construction, and Transportation), and also in those whose activity did not stand out particularly (namely Consumer Durables, and Packaging). Therefore, our country reaches a per capita consumption of 5,3 kilos/inhabitant, a 10% more than in 2006. This last index, even though is lower than the approximate 30 kilos/inhabitant that are consumed in developed countries, is clearly above the ones of other countries which share our characteristics.

Moreover, the enlargement of the ALUAR facility in Puerto Madryn is not the only news related to the above mentioned production growth. Other CAIAMA associates had invested to increase their capacity, or are planning to do so.

This is also the year of a new beginning for this Statistical Yearbook, which shows we are persuaded that the information hereby compiled is vital to understand the evolution of a relatively young industry that is constantly growing, and that has a great potential. Among other aspects, we have decided to deliver a printed version once again, and we are also carrying out a process to increase and enhance the information. The results will be shown soon, certainly on the next year.

In the meantime, we would like to thank the valuable collaboration of everyone who provide us with the information used to build this Statistical Yearbook. We believe that the data given to us contributes to improve the precision of the expressed numbers, and that this is useful to everyone. It is useful to the companies playing in this sector, since hereby numbers can be used as a reference to evaluate their performance, and to define future strategies. It is so to the National Authorities, since through this numbers they can comprehend the dynamics of an industry sector that uses low-priced raw supplies to deliver high added-value products, and through this they could ponder the convenience of offering better credit lines, or of improving the related infrastructure, among other actions. To conclude, and considering that with better information better decisions can be made, is useful for society as a whole, the latter being the beneficiary of those better decisions which will certainly bring higher levels of prosperity to everyone.

Eng. Rafael Martín Bofill
President.



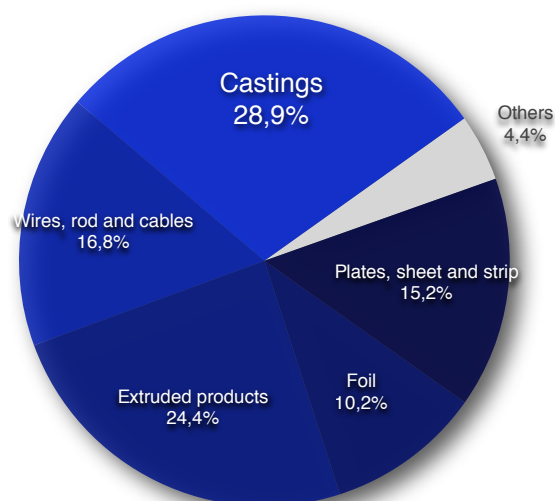
Aluminum domestic consumption



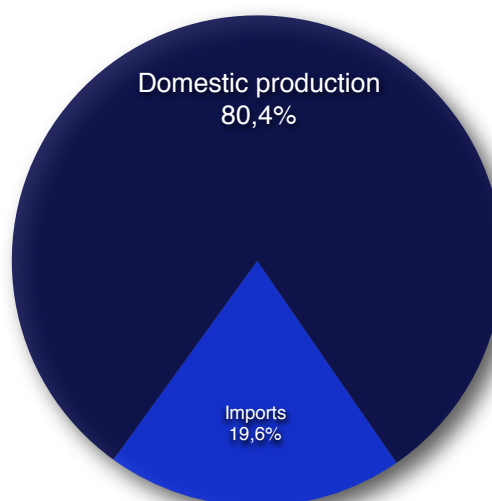
Total consumption by product/origin year 2007 [ton]

Product	Consumption of domestic production	Imports	Total domestic consumption	Share
Plates, sheets and strip, of a thickness $\geq 0,2$ mm	18.970	12.860	31.830	15,2%
Foil	11.344	10.078	21.422	10,2%
Extruded products	46.818	4.222	51.040	24,4%
Wires, rod and cables	34.168	1.002	35.170	16,8%
Castings	55.706	4.881	60.587	28,9%
Others	1.319	7.941	9.260	4,4%
Total Products	168.325	40.984	209.309	100,0%

Total consumption by product



Total consumption by origin

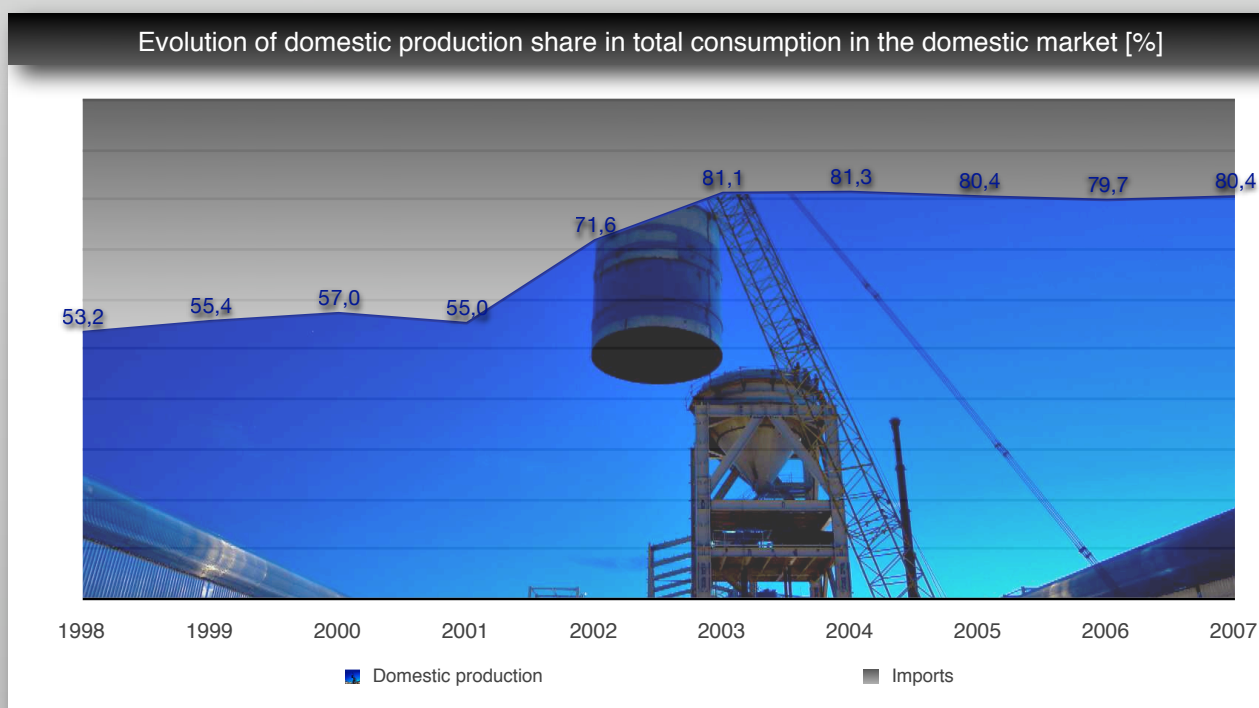
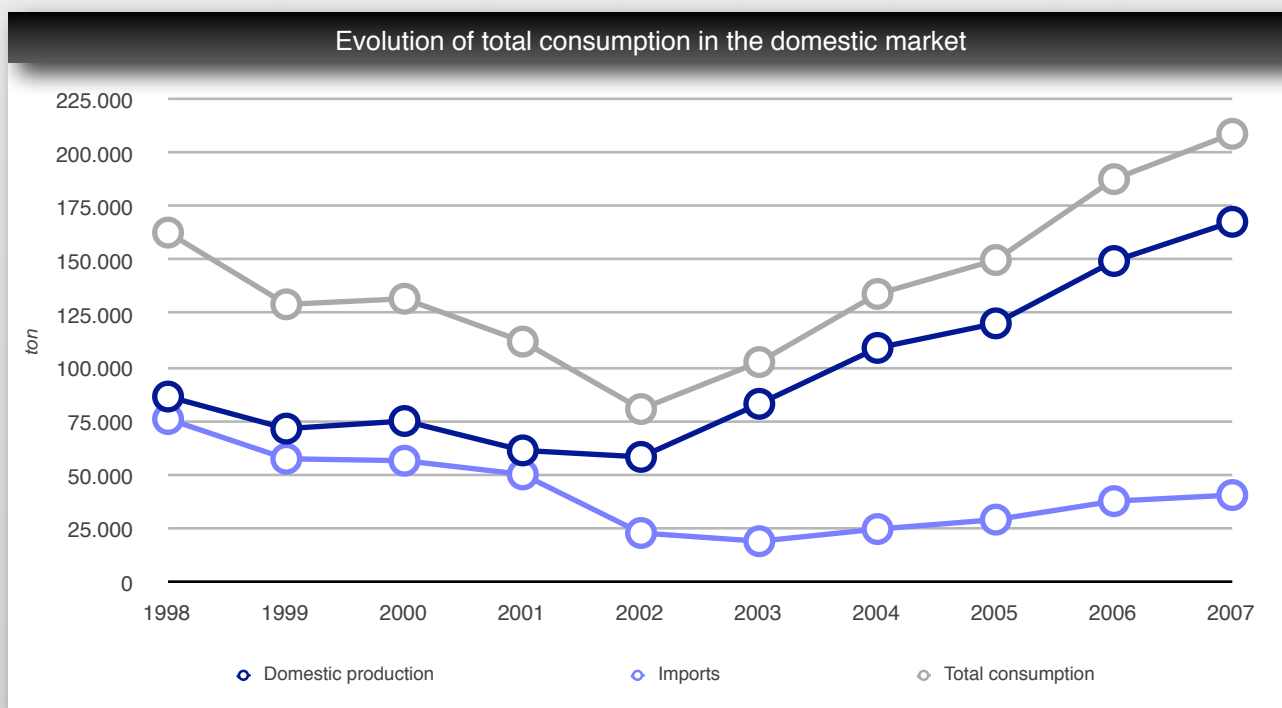


Source: producers; INDEC.

Aluminum domestic consumption



Evolution of total consumption [ton] and of domestic production share [%]



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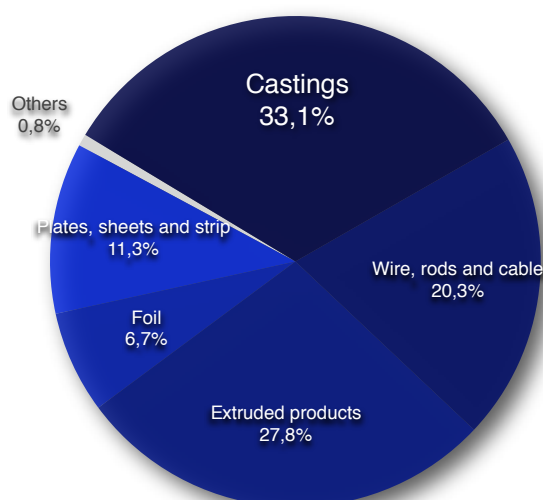
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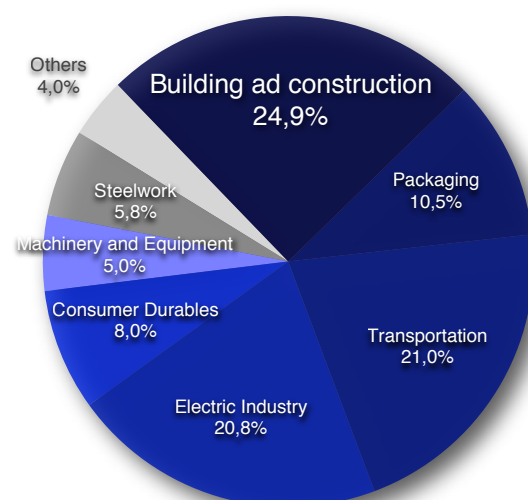
Consumption of domestic production by product/end-use market year 2007

End-use market Product	Building and Construction	Packaging	Transporta- tion	Electric Industry	Consumer Durables	Machinery and Equipment	Steelwork	Others	Total con- sumption	Share
Plates, sheets and strip, of a thickness $\geq 0,2$ mm	1.421	9.320	1.211	0	5.021	1.573	0	424	18.970	11,3%
Foil	1.153	8.397	733	0	732	141	0	188	11.344	6,7%
Extruded products	32.265	0	973	563	4.708	4.372	0	3.937	46.818	27,8%
Wire, rods and cables	0	0	0	33.668	0	0	445	55	34.168	20,3%
Castings	7.126	0	32.494	745	3.026	2.289	9.239	787	55.706	33,1%
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.319	1.319	0,8%
Total Products	41.965	17.717	35.411	34.976	13.487	8.375	9.684	6.710	168.325	100,0%
Share	24,9%	10,5%	21,0%	20,8%	8,0%	5,0%	5,8%	4,0%	100,0%	

Consumption of domestic production by product



Consumption of domestic production by sector



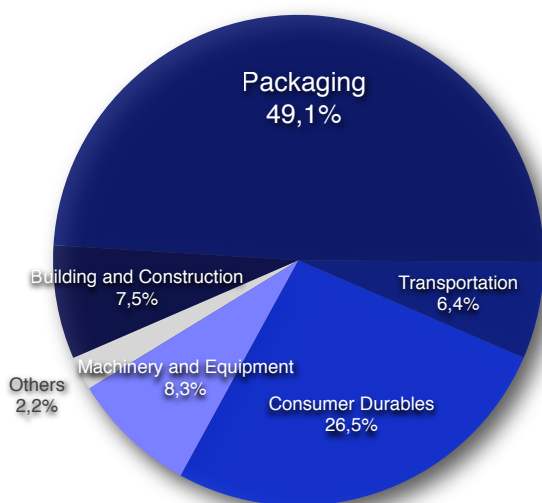
Source: producers.

Aluminum domestic consumption

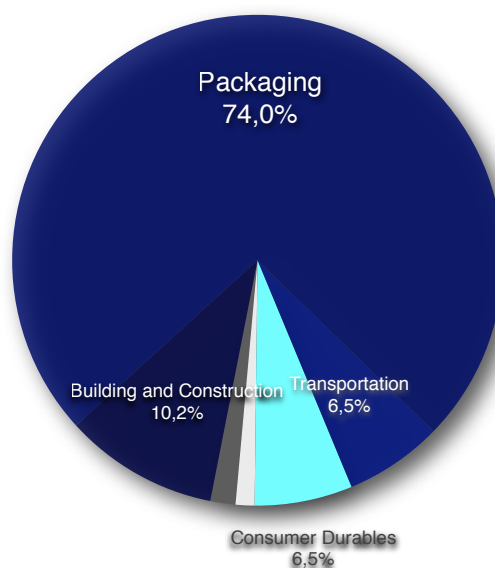


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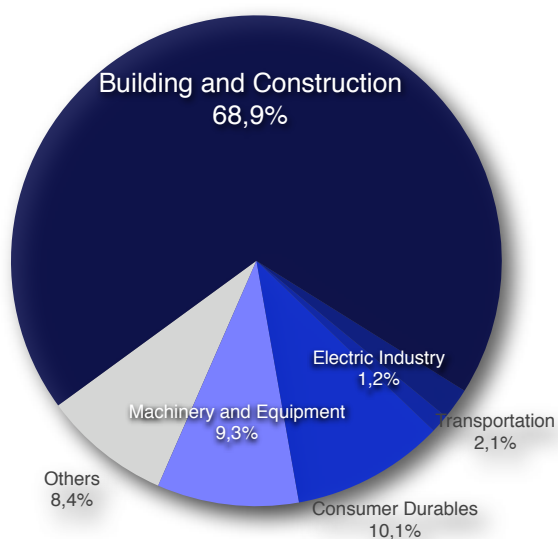
Plates, sheets and strip, of a thickness $\geq 0,2$ mm



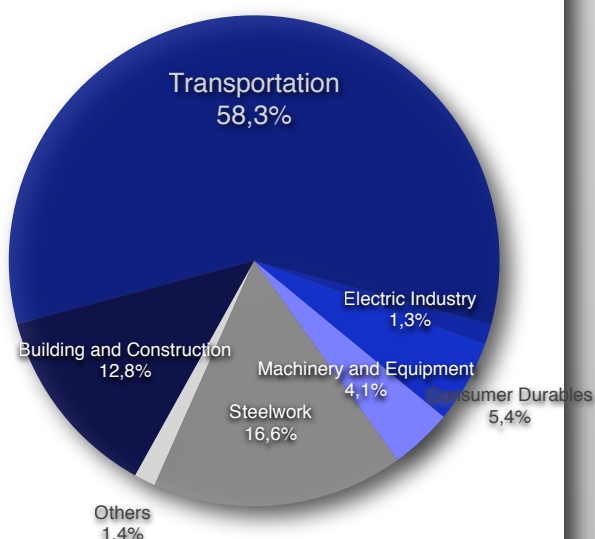
Foil



Extruded products



Castings



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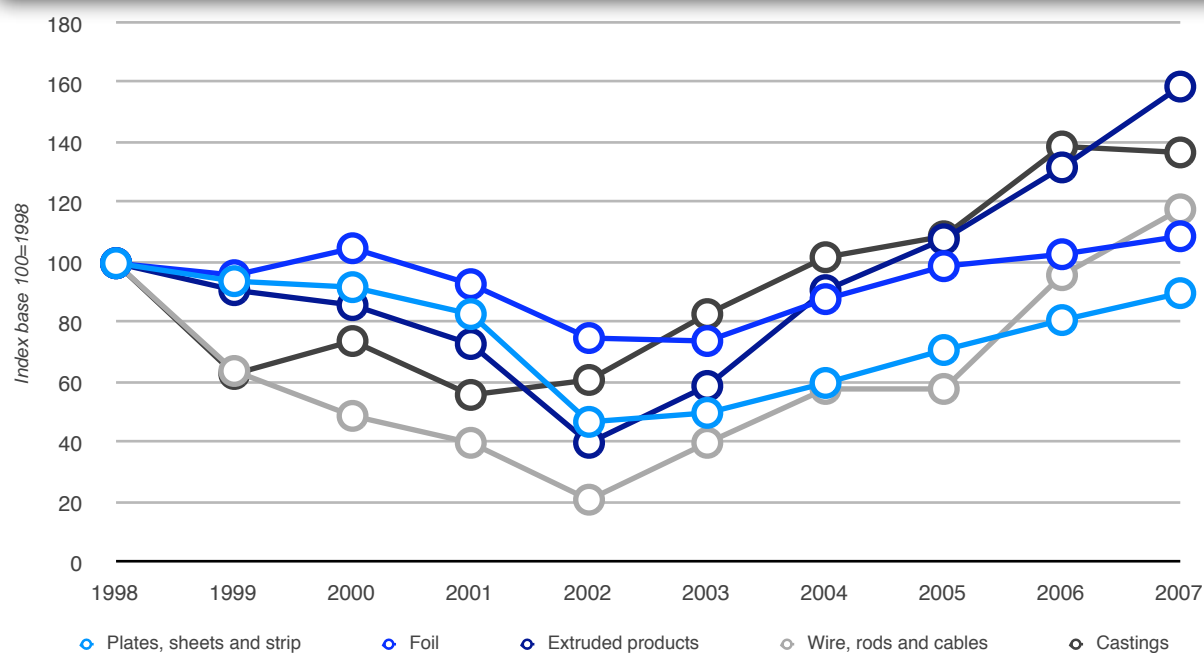
Aluminum domestic consumption



Evolution of consumption of domestic production by product [ton]

Year Product	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Plates, sheets and strip, of a thickness $\geq 0,2$ mm	35.211	33.060	32.309	29.291	16.658	17.668	20.996	24.828	28.460	31.830
Foil	19.658	18.960	20.601	18.315	14.691	14.567	17.388	19.518	20.172	21.422
Extruded products	32.176	29.365	27.803	23.502	12.947	18.930	29.191	34.610	42.386	51.040
Wire, rods and cables	29.843	19.015	14.621	12.085	6.378	11.874	17.238	17.173	28.792	35.169
Castings	42.946	27.223	31.931	24.124	26.262	35.538	43.866	46.746	59.856	60.587
Others	3.456	2.230	5.202	5.178	4.126	4.378	6.021	7.639	8.536	9.260
Total Products	163.290	129.853	132.467	112.495	81.062	102.955	134.700	150.514	188.202	209.308

Evolution by product base 1998



Source: producers.

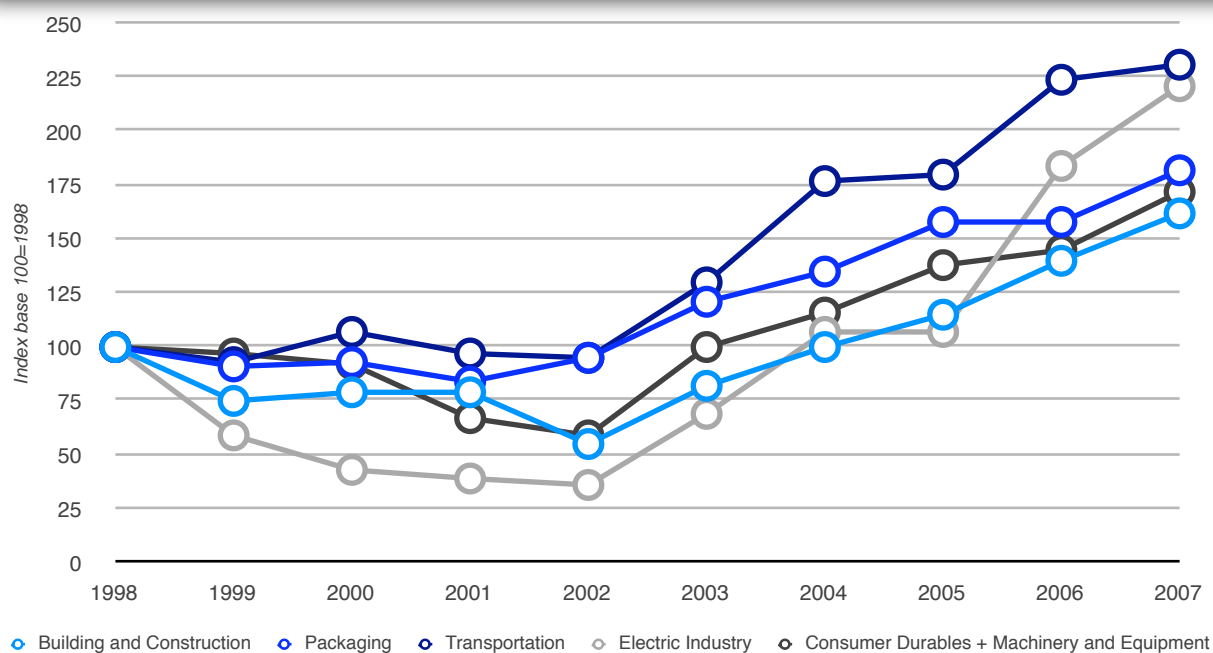
Aluminum domestic consumption



Evolution of consumption of domestic production by end-use market [ton]

Year End-use market	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Building and Construction	25.926	19.503	20.597	20.400	14.322	21.195	25.953	29.773	36.342	41.965
Packaging	9.711	8.789	9.052	8.201	9.226	11.718	13.085	15.306	15.334	17.717
Transportation	14.980	13.943	15.988	14.566	14.227	19.539	26.584	27.012	33.609	35.411
Electric Industry	15.826	9.354	6.873	6.172	5.653	10.953	16.916	16.906	29.157	34.976
Consumer Durables	9.714	8.786	8.289	5.211	4.717	7.644	8.088	10.325	10.050	13.487
Machinery and Equipment	2.548	3.119	2.939	3.040	2.536	4.676	6.082	6.600	7.786	8.375
Steelwork	4.565	5.262	7.673	2.773	5.999	5.060	7.972	9.023	11.470	9.684
Others	3.614	3.181	4.078	1.426	2.079	2.708	4.879	6.039	6.304	6.710
Total sectors	86.884	71.937	75.489	61.789	58.759	83.493	109.559	120.984	150.052	168.325

Evolution by end-use market base 1998



Source: producers.

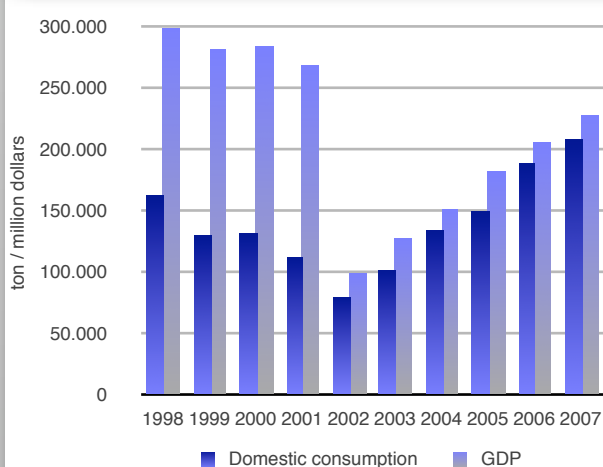
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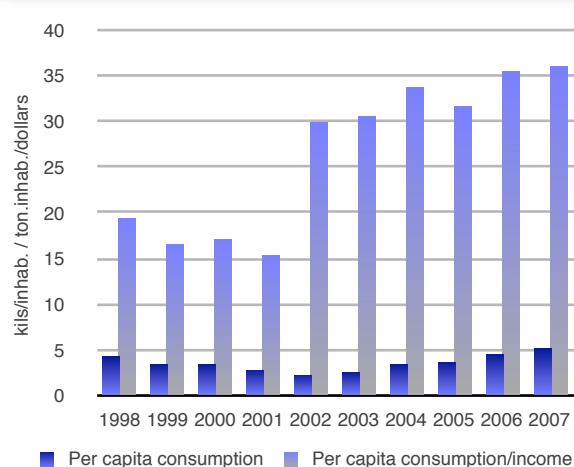
Evolution of per capita consumption

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Description										
Primary Aluminum production [ton]	185.140	204.600	263.744	245.052	268.806	272.252	271.675	270.580	287.382	298.159
Primary Aluminum Exports [ton]	115.178	146.578	211.359	201.843	223.050	200.505	182.028	170.348	168.195	164.693
Primary Aluminum consumption in Domestic Market [ton]	69.962	58.022	52.385	43.209	45.756	71.747	89.647	100.232	119.187	133.466
Recovery of Secondary [ton]	16.922	13.915	23.094	18.680	13.003	11.745	19.917	20.753	30.865	34.860
Aluminum Imports Chapter 76 [ton]	76.406	57.916	56.988	50.606	22.303	19.463	25.136	29.529	38.150	40.983
Aluminum apparent consumption [ton]	163.290	129.853	132.467	112.495	81.062	102.955	134.700	150.514	188.202	209.309
Population [million inhabitants]	36,0	36,4	36,8	37,2	37,5	37,9	38,2	38,6	39,0	39,4
Per capita consumption [kilograms/inhabitant]	4,5	3,6	3,6	3,0	2,2	2,7	3,5	3,9	4,8	5,3
Gross Domestic Product [million de dollars]	298.948	283.523	284.204	268.697	100.835	127.462	152.197	181.946	206.175	228.005
Per capita annual income [dollars/inhabitant]	8.304	7.789	7.723	7.223	2.689	3.363	3.984	4.714	5.287	5.787
Per capita consumption/income [ton/inhab.dollars]	19,7	16,7	17,2	15,6	30,1	30,6	33,8	31,9	35,6	36,2

Aluminum domestic consumption and GDP



Per capita consumption



Source: producers, INDEC, Banco Central de la República Argentina

Aluminum Foreign Trade



Chapter 76 Exports/Imports evolution [ton]

Product \ Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Plates, sheets and strip (1)	3.905	1.907	3.547	3.825	3.888	5.029	4.114	4.753	5.277	4.264
Foil (2)	10.968	3.390	4.567	4.351	3.145	3.524	3.761	3.693	3.695	2.733
Extruded products (3)	678	763	622	1.135	1.649	2.894	2.889	1.818	2.484	2.936
Wire, rods and cables (4)	30.998	25.115	25.208	12.640	24.733	21.777	22.926	28.113	19.023	18.118
Castings (5)	94.251	127.180	191.623	189.168	211.517	200.973	163.821	168.970	132.297	152.171
Others (6)	1.067	458	472	392	594	737	756	661	759	647
Total Chapter 76	141.867	158.813	226.040	211.511	245.526	234.934	198.266	208.008	163.535	180.869

Product \ Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Plates, sheets and strip (1)	23.932	24.068	23.346	22.177	8.850	5.712	7.540	9.261	12.255	12.859
Foil (2)	10.839	11.525	12.433	10.968	6.505	6.312	7.882	8.925	9.897	10.078
Extruded products (3)	4.705	4.883	4.974	3.898	1.601	1.352	2.057	2.491	3.443	4.222
Wire, rods and cables (4)	14.832	10.687	8.477	6.038	828	1.132	671	453	598	1.002
Castings (5)	19.238	4.489	3.054	2.771	780	1.697	2.420	2.057	4.892	4.881
Others (6)	2.860	2.243	4.704	4.754	4.741	3.257	4.566	6.343	7.066	7.941
Total Chapter 76	76.406	57.896	56.988	50.606	23.305	19.463	25.136	29.529	38.150	40.983

Chapters by product:

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Aluminum Foreign Trade



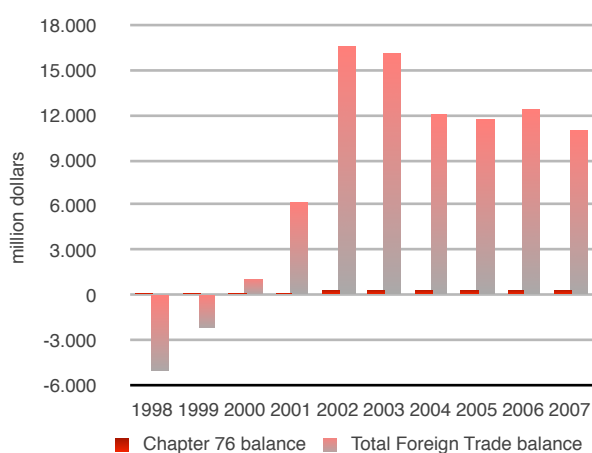
Aluminum Industry Foreign Trade balance [million dollars]

Year / Description	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Exports Chapter 76	226	245	398	348	369	380	379	443	475	544
Imports Chapter 76	225	193	191	172	66	70	98	124	171	207
Balance Chapter 76	1	52	207	176	303	310	282	319	304	337

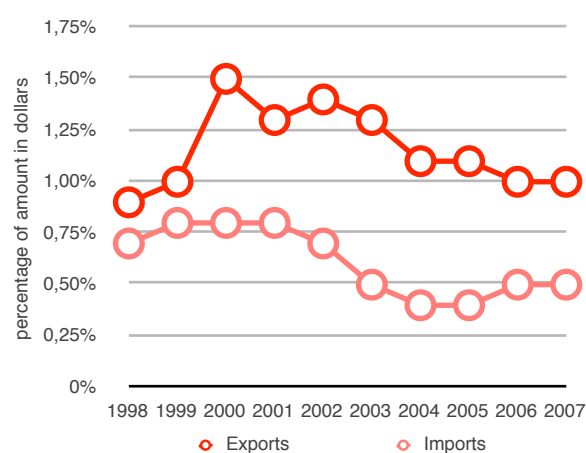
Year / Description	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Incidence of Chapter 76 exports in total exports [%]	0,9%	1,0%	1,5%	1,3%	1,4%	1,3%	1,1%	1,1%	1,0%	1,0%
Incidence of Chapter 76 imports in total imports [%]	0,7%	0,8%	0,8%	0,8%	0,7%	0,5%	0,4%	0,4%	0,5%	0,5%
Incidence of Chapter 76 in foreign trade balance [%]	(-)*	(-)*	19,5%	2,8%	1,8%	1,9%	2,3%	2,7%	2,4%	3,1%

* negative total Foreign Trade balance

Argentina's/Chapter 76 foreign trade balance



Incidence of Aluminum in total foreign trade



Source: INDEC.

Aluminum Foreign Trade

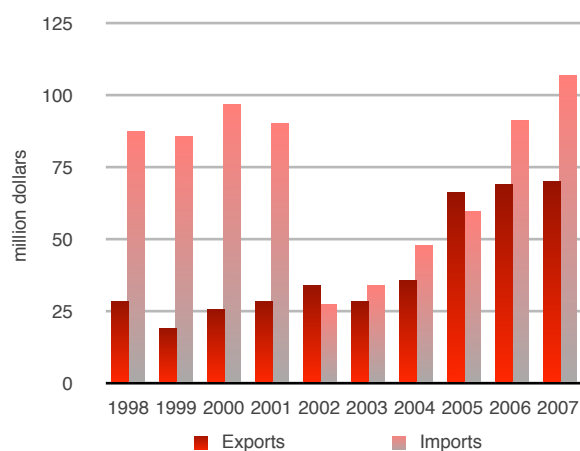


Foreign Trade with Mercosur [million dollars]

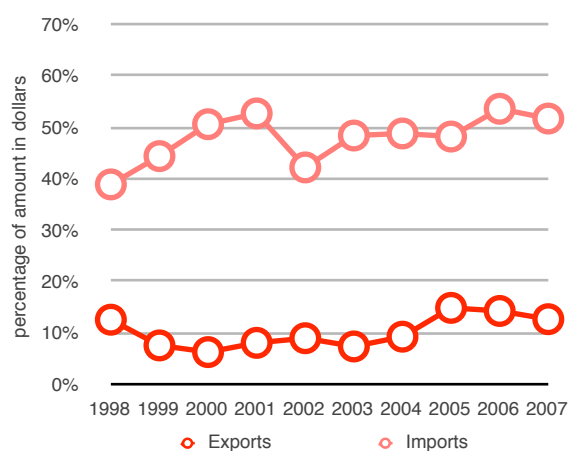
Year Description	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Exports Chapter 76	29	19	26	29	34	29	36	67	69	70
Imports Chapter 76	88	86	97	91	28	34	48	60	92	107
Balance Chapter 76	-59	-67	-71	-62	6	-5	-12	7	-23	-37

Year Description	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Incidence of exports to Mercosur over total Chapter 76 exports [%]	12,8%	7,8%	6,5%	8,3%	9,2%	7,6%	9,5%	15,1%	14,5%	12,9%
Incidence of imports from Mercosur over total Chapter 76 imports [%]	39,1%	44,6%	50,8%	52,9%	42,4%	48,6%	49,0%	48,4%	53,8%	51,9%

Foreign trade with Mercosur Chapter 76



Mercosur's Share in Chapter 76 foreign trade



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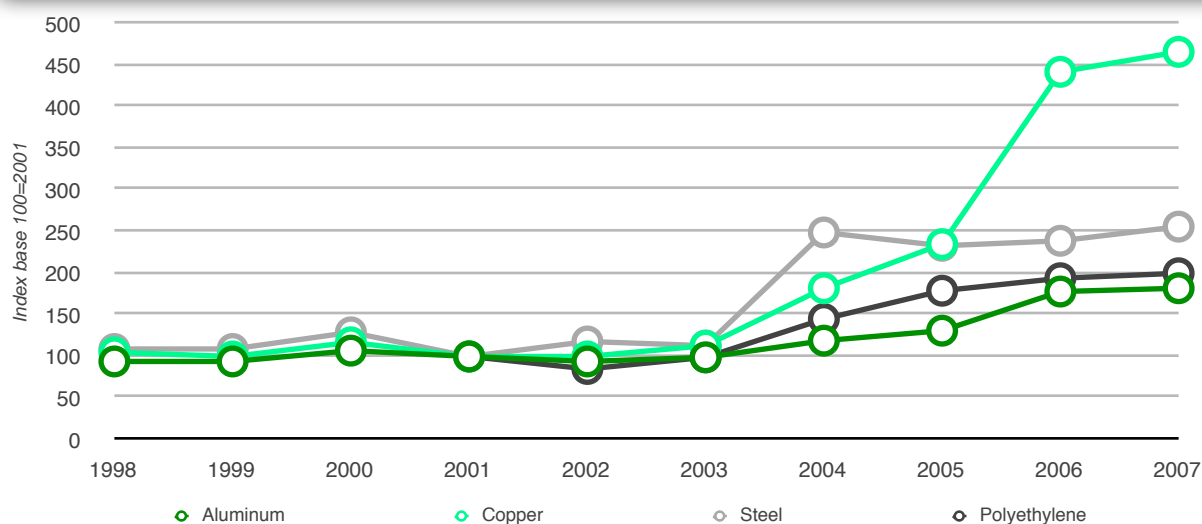
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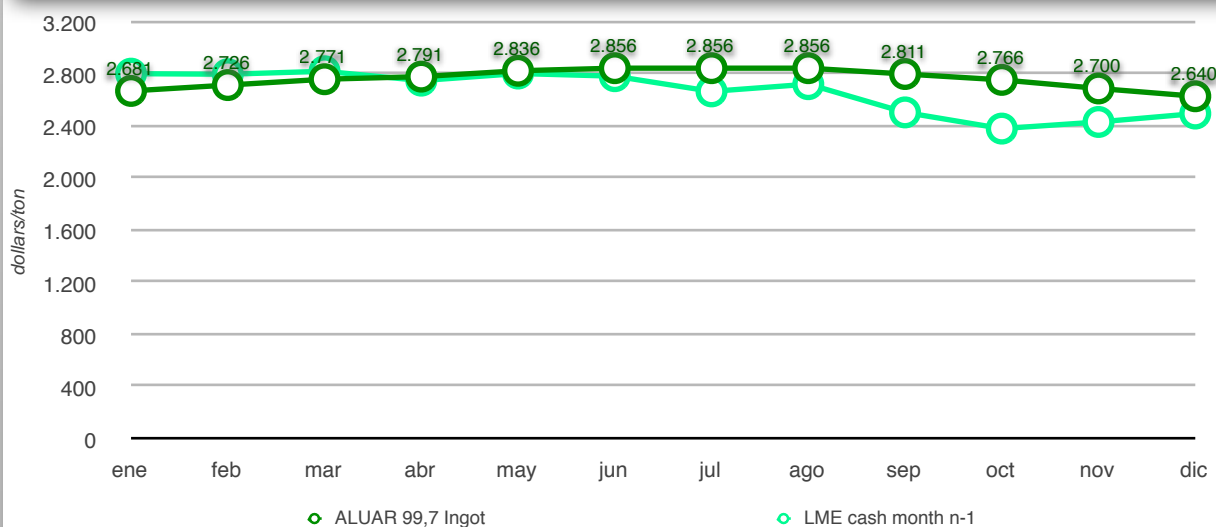
Evolution of the price of Primary Aluminum [dollars/ton]

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Description										
LME cash	1.358	1.361	1.550	1.444	1.350	1.431	1.716	1.899	2.570	2.638

Industrial commodities evolution base 2001 (international prices)

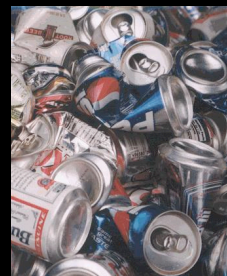


Domestic price evolution 2006



Source: London Metal Exchange, CRU Steel prices index, Bloomberg, producers.

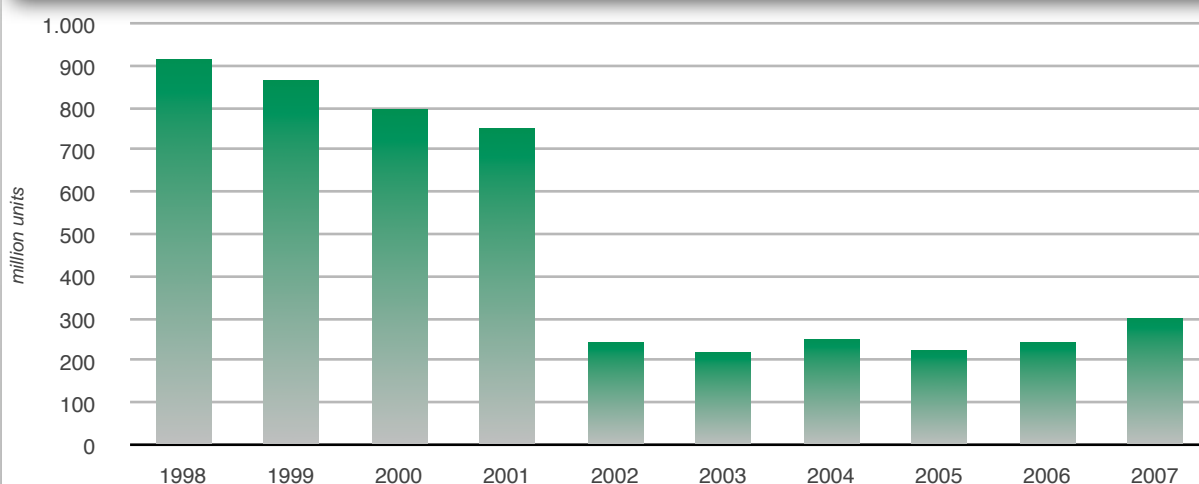
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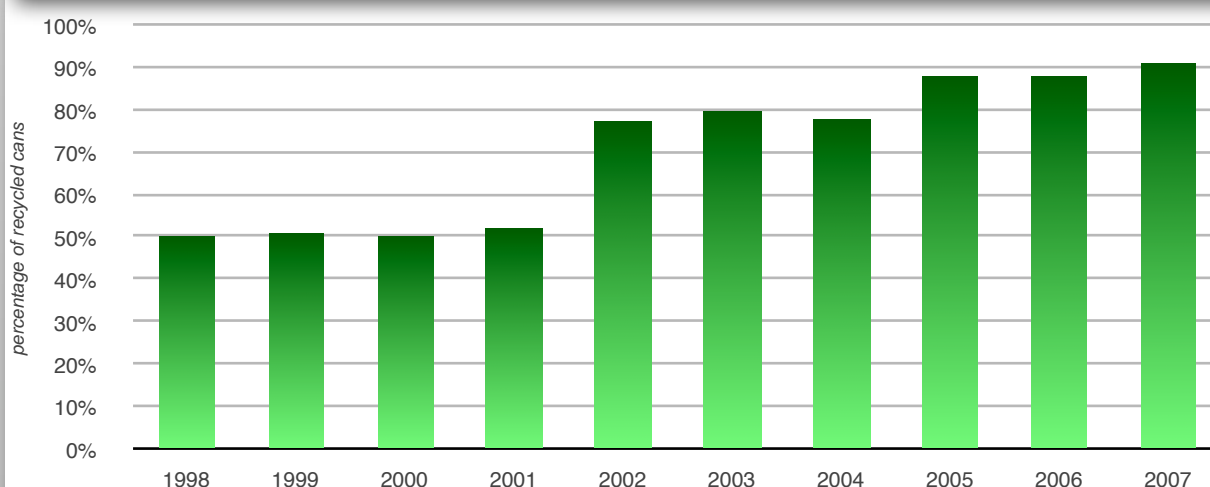
Beverage can recycling

Year / Description	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Domestic consumption [million units]	924	864	797	750	245	223	250	227	249	304
Recycled units [million units]	463	440	400	390	190	178	196	200	223	275
Recycling index	50,1%	50,9%	50,2%	52,0%	77,6%	79,8%	78,4%	88,1%	89,6%	90,5%

Evolution of beverage can domestic consumption



Evolution of recycling index



Source: CADIBSA, producers.



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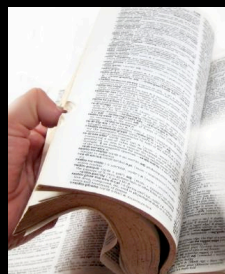
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Institutional



Criteria for product classification

Process End-use market	Rolling	Extrusion	Casting
Building and Construction	Ceiling coils; ceiling sheet; roof coating; architectural use sheet; anti-slip sheet; composite panel.	Doors and windows profiles; architectural application profiles; ceiling profiles; signboard profiles	Aluminized sheet; radiator cast parts.
Packaging	Foil, backed and not backed for packaging of food, cigarettes, etc.; slugs for aerosols and tubes; can stock; sheets for bottle caps.	(no identified products)	(no identified products)
Transportation	Sheets for tank trucks; sheets for bodywork; coils and foil for radiators; road sign sheets.	Radiator tubes; busses windows and doors profiles; truck floor profiles.	Automobile rims; pistons; engine blocks; engine covers; cast parts for automobiles; aluminized sheet.
Electric Industry	Transformer and capacitor sheets; foil for telephonic composites; sheets for electrical and lighting appliances.	Electric engine housing profiles; electronic dissipating devices profiles; bus bars; profiles for electrical and lighting appliances.	Continuous cast cables; cast parts for electric industry.
Consumer Durables	Sheets for refrigerators and other home appliances; cookware sheet; foil for semi-rigid containers; household foil; sheet for parabolic TV antennas; coils for shoe eyelets.	TV antennas profiles; refrigerator tubes; sailboat mast profiles; bicycle profiles; furniture tubes; ladder profiles; refrigerated exhibitors profiles.	Cast chairs and tables; cast cookware; cast decoration parts.
Machinery and Equipment	Coils for irrigation piping; industrial heat exchanger coils; tank sheet; caldron sheet; coils for insulation; fish and bakery tray sheet.	Irrigation piping tubes; industrial use profiles.	Cast parts for industrial machinery; cast molds.
Steelwork	(no identified products)	(no identified products)	Products for steel deoxidization.
Others	Car plate sheets; every product not included above.	Every product not included above.	Welding wire; paint and explosive powders; chemical product powders; every product not included above.

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