

Chelating Agents

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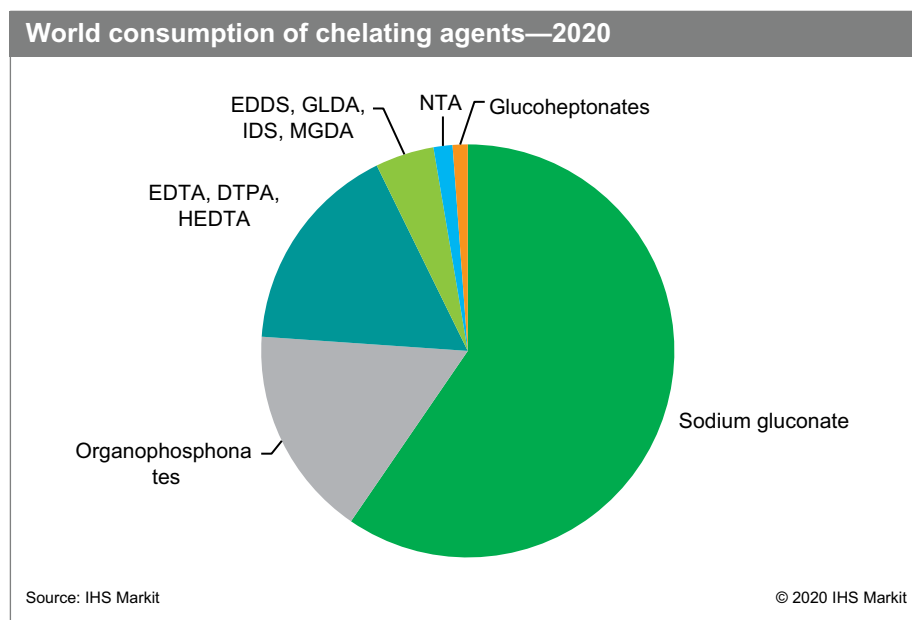
Abstract

Chelating agents in this report are identified as traditional aminopolycarboxylic acids and their salts (e.g., ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid [EDTA] or nitrilotriacetic acid [NTA]), biodegradable aminopolycarboxylic acids and their salts (e.g., glutamic acid-N,N-diacetic acid [GLDA] or methylglycinediacetic acid [MGDA]), hydroxycarboxylic acids and their salts (e.g., sodium gluconate), and organophosphonates.

Their principal function is the solubilization of metal ions that would otherwise have a detrimental effect on systems or other products that are being applied. Applications for chelating agents are as varied as the product types, with some products finding multiple applications, while others fulfill specific purposes, depending on the chemical conditions in which they need to perform and the required cost-to-efficacy ratio.

The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected the demand for chelating agents for industrial applications and construction during 2020, although other applications such as household and institutional cleaning have remained robust in the fight against the COVID-19 virus. The industrial and construction markets are expected to rebound strongly in 2021, driven particularly in regions such as mainland China, Southeast Asia, and India. In addition, biodegradable chelating agents such as MGDA and GLDA continue to gain attention outside their established western markets of household cleaning formulations into other regions and applications such as industrial and institutional cleaning.

The following pie chart shows world consumption of chelating agents by product type for 2020:



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Global summary;
regional coverage



Producers with
annual capacities
and plant sites



Production figures
and trends



Consumption and
forecasts by end use
application



Manufacturing
processes and
environmental issues



Trade – imports
and exports

Key benefits

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This report can help you

- Identify trends and driving forces influencing chemical markets
- Forecast and plan for future demand
- Understand the impact of competing materials
- Identify and evaluate potential customers and competitors
- Evaluate producers
- Track changing prices and trade movements
- Analyze the impact of feedstocks, regulations, and other factors on chemical profitability

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