

# Global Rubber Gloves Market: An Analysis

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## Abstracts

The demand for rubber gloves has been resilient after the H1N1 pandemic in 2010. The industry is going to witness normalization in demand as there has been no major pandemic outbreak since last year. Although the industry has proved to be recession proof over the time, its growth mainly depends on the usage of gloves in medical sector.

Malaysia remains the largest worldwide producer and exporter of rubber gloves at present and exports rubber gloves to the US, European Union, Latin America, China and India. The US, which is the largest glove importer, has been seeing an uptrend in total healthcare expenditure as percentage of GDP since 2000. The UK and major European countries are experiencing similar trends, and it is expected that other countries would raise their hygiene standards eventually.

Countries like India, China and Brazil have posted an increasing demand for rubber gloves in the recent past mainly because of the rising concerns related to health and hygiene in these regions. Demand for lower-end powdered latex gloves is popular among developing countries whose end-users are more cost-conscious. Powder-free latex and nitrile gloves are preferred by developed countries namely the United States and Europe.

Latex being the major raw material required in manufacturing rubber gloves, its price fluctuation becomes critical in determining the average selling price of glove. Other issues concerning to the industry, mainly to natural rubber glove producers, are continuous high volatility in latex price, a weaker US dollar, and oversupply situation in the industry, resulting in a lower cost pass through to customers.

The report provides an analysis of the global rubber glove market. It also discusses major trends, growth drivers and potential markets for rubber glove market. The report presents the competitive structure of the industry and profiles major players in the

market with a discussion of their key business strategies.

By combining SPSS Inc.'s data integration and analysis capabilities with our relevant findings, we have predicted the future growth of the industry. We employed various significant variables that have an impact on this industry and created regression models with SPSS Base to determine the future direction of the industry. Before deploying the regression model, the relationship between several independent or predictor variables and the dependent variable was analyzed using standard SPSS output, including charts, tables and tests.

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