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Abstracts

South Korea phenol market size reached USD 485.2 Million in 2025. Looking forward, IMARC Group expects the market to reach USD 690.0 Million by 2034, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 3.87% during 2026-2034. The growing demand for this liquid, as it aids in providing essential materials for sectors, such as pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, and various specialty chemicals and supporting the nation's economic growth, is primarily driving the market growth.

Phenol exists in a crystalline state at room temperature, appearing as a white substance. It forms robust hydrogen bonds, enhancing its solubility in water compared to alcohol, and exhibits higher boiling points in comparison to hydrocarbons of similar molecular weight. With mild acidity and caustic properties, phenol exists as either a colorless liquid or a white solid, gradually darkening when exposed to light and emitting a distinctively sweet odor. Historically, phenol was produced synthetically through the sulfonation and chlorination of benzene. However, contemporary manufacturing processes involve the conversion of benzene and propylene into cumene, subsequent oxidation into cumene hydroperoxide, and hydrolysis leading to the formation of phenol. This modern method provides a more efficient means of obtaining phenol from precursor chemicals.

SOUTH KOREA PHENOL MARKET TRENDS:

The South Korea phenol market stands as a vital component within the country's chemical industry, reflecting its role in various manufacturing processes and applications. Moreover, it is integral to the production of a wide range of chemical products, contributing significantly to the nation's industrial landscape. Besides this,

phenol, with its mildly acidic and caustic nature, is employed as a key raw material in the synthesis of plastics, resins, and other chemicals essential for diverse industries, thereby positively influencing the regional market. Moreover, the manufacturing of phenol in South Korea has evolved over time, shifting from historical synthetic processes involving benzene sulfonation and chlorination to more contemporary methods. Presently, this product is typically produced by converting benzene and propylene into cumene, followed by oxidation into cumene hydroperoxide, and finally, hydrolysis to yield phenol. The modern production approach not only ensures efficiency but also aligns with contemporary environmental and sustainability considerations. Apart from this, its presence as a versatile and foundational chemical underscore its significance in the synthesis of numerous products, that will position the South Korea phenol market as a key player in the country's chemical and industrial sectors in the coming years.

SOUTH KOREA PHENOL MARKET SEGMENTATION:

IMARC Group provides an analysis of the key trends in each segment of the market, along with forecasts at the country level for 2026-2034. Our report has categorized the market based on end use.

End Use Insights:

Bisphenol A

Phenolic Resins

Caprolactam

Alkyl Phenyls

Others

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the end use. This includes bisphenol A, phenolic resins, caprolactam, alkyl phenyls, and others.

Regional Insights:

Seoul Capital Area

Yeongnam (Southeastern Region)

Honam (Southwestern Region)

Hoseo (Central Region)

Others

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of all the major regional markets, which include Seoul Capital Area, Yeongnam (Southeastern Region), Honam (Southwestern Region), Hoseo (Central Region), and Others.

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE:

The market research report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of the competitive landscape. Competitive analysis such as market structure, key player positioning, top winning strategies, competitive dashboard, and company evaluation quadrant has been covered in the report. Also, detailed profiles of all major companies have been provided.

KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN THIS REPORT

How has the South Korea phenol market performed so far and how will it perform in the coming years?

What has been the impact of COVID-19 on the South Korea phenol market?

What is the breakup of the South Korea phenol market on the basis of end use?

What are the various stages in the value chain of the South Korea phenol market?

What are the key driving factors and challenges in the South Korea phenol?

What is the structure of the South Korea phenol market and who are the key players?

What is the degree of competition in the South Korea phenol market?

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