

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CHILE - INDUSTRIAL SECTORS ANALYSIS

Chile's GDP in 1989 reached 10,500 billion USD. The average annual growth rate for the GDP in the last 10 years has been 4%.

Industrial production should reach around 3,5 billion USD in 1990. The average annual growth rate for the last 10 years has been 3,3%.

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The structure of the industrial sector has significantly changed since 1973. Due to the liberalization of the domestic market and the openness of the external trade, the industrial sector has been oriented towards the export market.

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The food industry production grew 40% between 1980 and 1989. Main subsectors are the Cattle Slaughtering & Meat, Fish & Seafood and Fruit processing industries. Several investments in new technologies have been made in recent years oriented to increase productivity and product quality. In order to compete internationally, imports by these sectors are mainly capital goods and chemicals. Machinery imported for the food industry reached 17 million USD in 1989.

Regarding the meat sector, it is expected that the larger bovine slaughterhouses will need to invest significantly in new and more efficient slaughtering facilities, post-mortem technologies and waste management equipment (water treatment) and facilities. Total output of beef cattle was 358,000 tons in 1989, of which 65% were beef cattle. Imports of beef were less than 2% of total supply.