European nonwoven production grows by over 7% to exceed 3 million tonnes in 2020

EDANA statistics highlight the crucial role played by nonwovens during the pandemic

EDANA, the leading global association serving the nonwovens and related industries, today disclosed the results of its annual survey of European nonwovens production. Providing a comprehensive overview of the sector, the latest statistics demonstrate the industry’s drive and durability during a period of unprecedented change to demand drivers and supply chains.

According to figures collected and compiled by the EDANA secretariat, production of nonwovens in Greater Europe grew by 7.2% in 2020 to reach 3,075,615 tonnes (and 85.9 billion square metres) with a total estimated turnover of €9,555 million. The total output of the 27 European Union countries is now over 2.15 million tonnes.

Jacques Prigneaux, EDANA’s Market Analysis and Economic Affairs Director elaborated on the main drivers for the impressive growth rate, which well outpaced the annual average growth