

France Arkema to soon lift butyl-A, 2-EHA FM

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The force majeure on butyl acrylate (butyl-A) and 2-ethylhexyl acrylate (2-EHA) at French-based specialty chemicals producer [Arkema](#) is expected to be lifted imminently, a source from the company said on Wednesday.

The declaration at the Carling facility [was made on 22 May](#), on the back of the force majeure on oxo-alcohols at Lavera a few days prior.

The force majeure on oxo-alcohols from the Lavera petrochemicals site has now been lifted, a second source from [Arkema](#) also confirmed on Wednesday. The source added that the situation is back to normal and the producer is now in a position to build stocks.

[Arkema](#) and INEOS Oxide operate a 50:50 joint venture in Lavera called [Oxochimie](#). INEOS Oxide, which also declared force majeure earlier this year, was not available for a comment.

[Oxochimie](#) has the capacity to produce 160,000 tonnes/year of n-butanol, 20,000 tonnes/year of iso-butanol and 120,000 tonnes/year of 2-ethylhexanol at Lavera.

Acrylate esters include methyl acrylate (methyl-A), ethyl acrylate (ethyl-A), butyl-A and 2-EHA. They are used to make paints, coatings, textiles, adhesives, polishes and plastics.

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