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EXPORTS DRIVE GROWTH IN AUSTRALIAN AEROSOL PRODUCTION FOR 2006

Australia's aerosol fillings for calendar year 2006 were up 2.4 percent to a record total of over 222 and a half million units.

Categories showing growth included air care, food and automotive products.

The 'stand out' category was shaving cream, which was up over 76 percent on 2005 figures and now nearly rivals the household products category.

The growth reflects the emergence of Ingleburn filler, Pax Australia as the only filler of BiCan™ – used for gel aerosols – in the Asian region.

Working with key suppliers Precision Valve, Amcor Australasia and Ralpet Plastics, Pax is now a regional manufacturer of major branded shave gels.

Aerosol Association of Australia Executive Director Philip Fleming notes that the growth was particularly encouraging given that many other regions in the Asia-Pacific, including Japan and the US, saw drops in their production for 2006.

"The 2006 data also reaffirms the continuing importance of the personal care sector", Fleming observes, "with personal care aerosols now representing over 47 percent of total fillings."

Further comment:

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