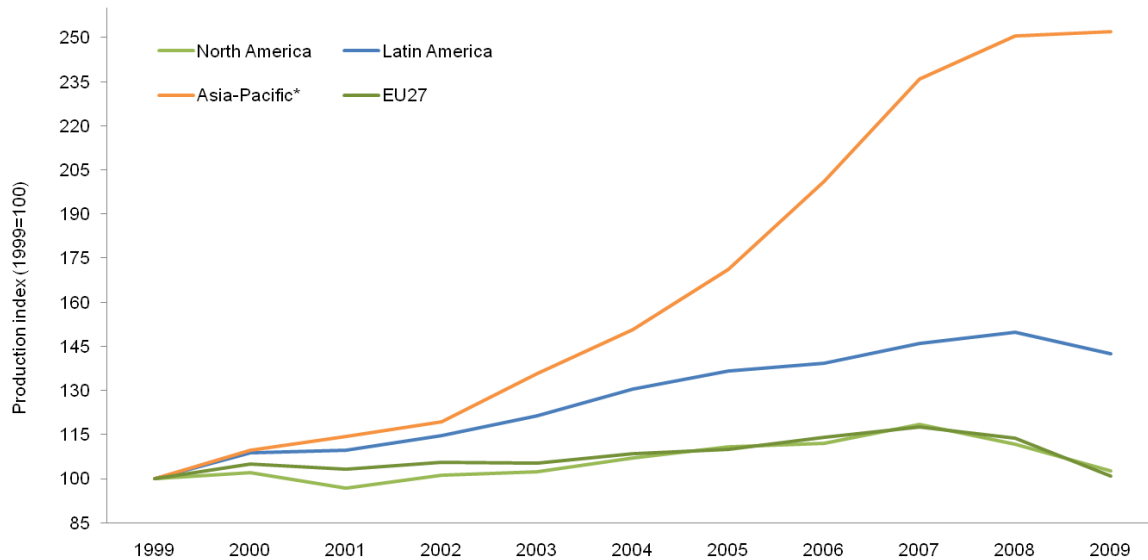




Growth

International comparison of production growth (continued)



*Asia includes Japan, China, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Austria

Source: Cefic Chemdata International

The long-term trend for chemicals production shows that during the years 1999 to 2009, the European chemical industry showed the lowest growth, a meagre rate of only 0.1 per cent. The Asia-Pacific region registered a 9.7 per cent growth rate and Latin America posted a 3.6 per cent one, both relatively strong trend rates that began several years ago.