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World production of materials handling equipment stable in 2016

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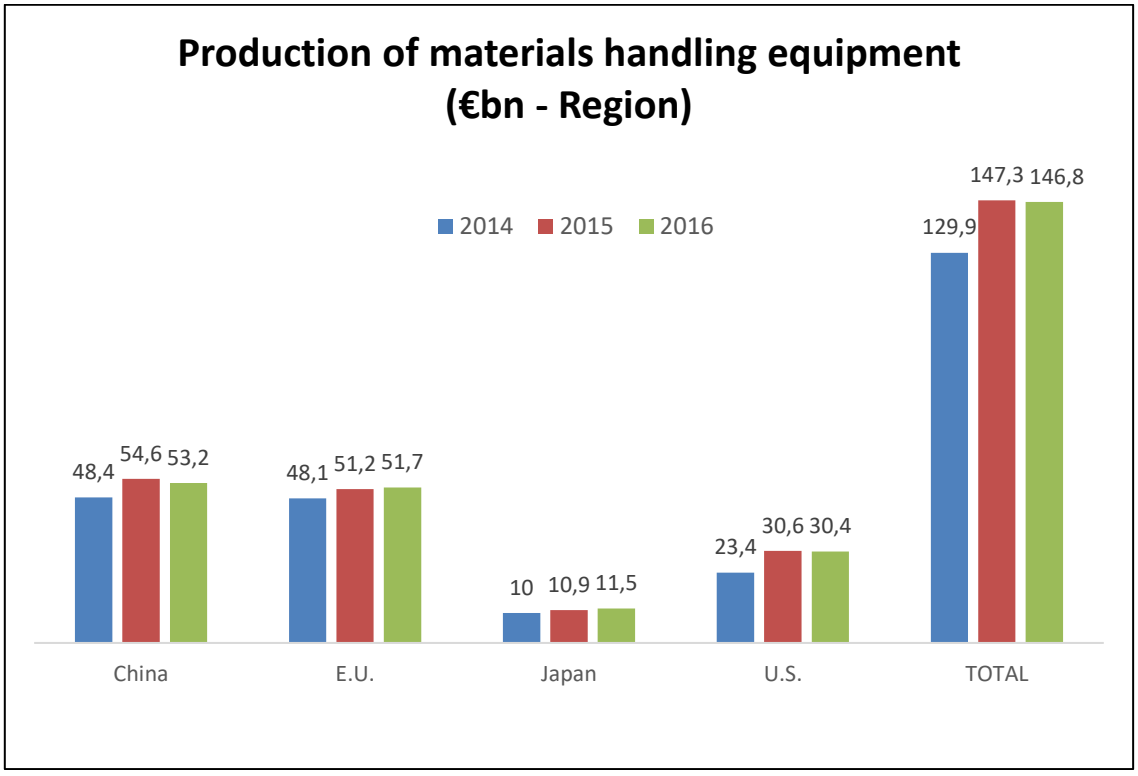
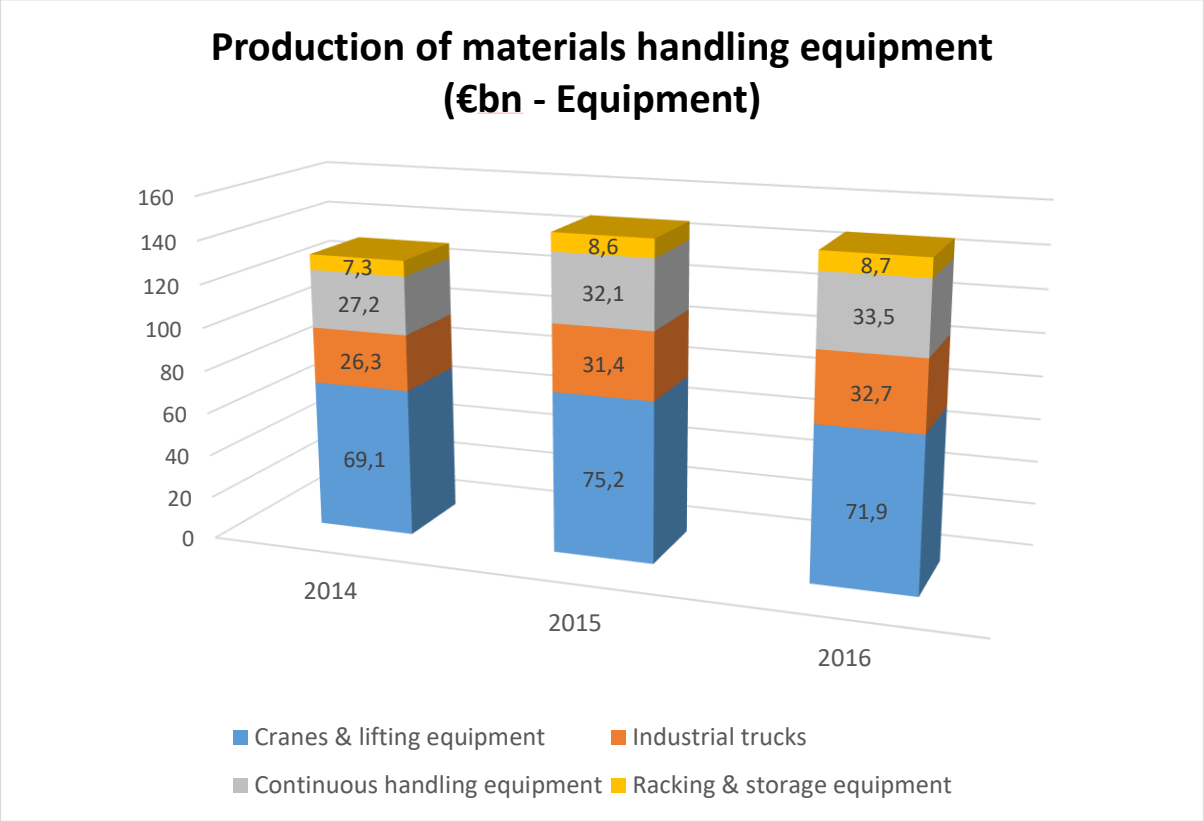
Cumulated production value of materials handling equipment in China, Japan, the E.U. and the U.S. was stable at €147bn in 2016. The drop experienced by cranes & lifting equipment was compensated by sustained growth if intralogistics systems and industrial trucks.

Contrarily to the year before, the four regions experienced different developments. Whereas the production value of Japan grew by 5.5%, that of the EU and the US mostly stagnated (+1% and -0.5%, respectively). China conceded a 2.5% decrease. The relative positions of each region remained largely unchanged.



The situation was equally diverging at product level. Whilst racking and shelving stagnated, intralogistics systems and industrial trucks grew by more than 4% each. That was just enough to compensate the -4.5% result for cranes & lifting equipment:

- **Cranes & Lifting Equipment** dropped in all four regions and in total by 4.5% at €71.9bn. China still represents 58% of that total.
- **Industrial trucks** increased by 4.1% at €32.7bn. Europe maintains its leadership with €14.7bn (45% of the total).
- **Continuous Handling Equipment** raised by 4.5% at €33.5bn. Japan recorded a staggering 37% increase at €3.8bn.
- **Racking & shelving** grew by 1.2% at €8.7bn.



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About World Materials handling Statistics

The World Materials handling Alliance complies annual statistical data on the production value of materials handling, lifting and storage equipment. The figures are based on publicly available data from official sources (governments, statistical offices) as well as estimates from WMHA partners. The aim is to give a picture of the size and evolution of the industry at international, regional and local levels, as well as by category of equipment.

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