



Figure 2. Float glass import into Finland.

#### Events in the MGU industry in the early 1970s:

The MGU-glass became an important user of flat glass in the late 1960s (Table 1). In Norway Drammen was for a long time alone in the MGU business. However, after new materials (clues, silicon, limstoff etc.) and the availability of flat glass the fabrication of MGU products became so easy that many small companies could produce them. In the early 1970s there were about 30 MGU producers in local markets in Norway. In Finland the MGU (Table 2) product market expanded at the beginning of the 1970s. Lahti had played a leading role in this industry since the company had introduced its licensed products on the Finnish market in the mid-1960s. Through advertisements and promotion campaigns, Lahti created demand for MGU-products. However, Lasitukku and many glaziers, Lahti's customers, and other companies also entered the MGU-industry. Lahti found itself competing in MGU-products with its customers. In 1974 Lahti acquired Autolasi, a local MGU and safety glass manufacturer.

Table 2. Largest MGU-producers in Finland in 1975-76

	Capacity (thousand m <sup>2</sup> )	
	1975	1976
Lahti	300	300
Metsäliitto	100	100
Lasitukku/Glasson	120	20
Tähtilasi	75	50
Autolasi	45	45
Rest	135	185
TOTAL	775	900
Increase		16%