

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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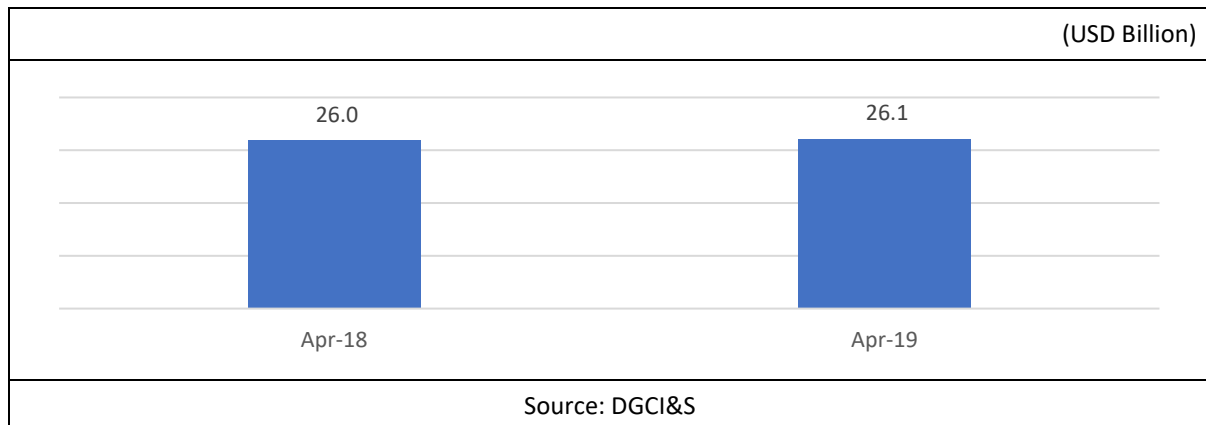
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 26.1 billion in April 2019, up 0.5% from USD 26.0 billion in April 2018.

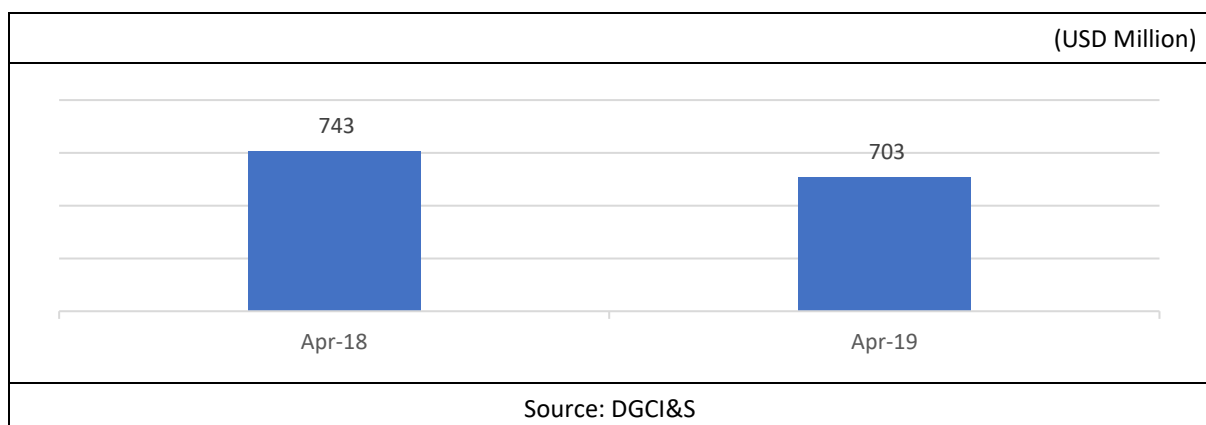
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During April 2019, India exported plastics worth USD 703 million as against USD 743 million in April 2018, witnessing a decline of 5.4%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



- Plastics formed 2.69% of India's overall merchandise exports in April 2019
- India exported plastics to 189 countries in April 2019
- United States, China and United Arab Emirates were the top three buyers of plastics from India in April 2019

PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In April 2019, products grouped under moulded & extruded goods witnessed year-on-year growth of 26.6%; followed by other plastic items (+25.7%); plastic sheet, film, plates etc (+4.4%); optical items (+2.3%); and packaging materials (+1.1%).

On the contrary, products grouped under plastic raw materials; human hair, products thereof; and stationery/office/school supply witnessed declines of 19.9%, 15.3% and 10.7% respectively, in April 2019.

Exhibit 3: Panel-wise % growth in plastics export by India

Panel	Apr-18	Apr-19	Growth	Apr 18- Apr 18	Apr 19- Apr 19	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Plastic raw materials	356.41	285.51	-19.9%	356.41	285.51	-19.9%
Plastic sheet, film, plates etc	120.91	126.17	4.4%	120.91	126.17	4.4%
Moulded & extruded goods	85.02	107.61	26.6%	85.02	107.61	26.6%
Packaging materials	65.90	66.61	1.1%	65.90	66.61	1.1%
Optical items (incl. lens etc)	39.44	40.34	2.3%	39.44	40.34	2.3%
Other plastic items	28.76	36.16	25.7%	28.76	36.16	25.7%
Human hair, products thereof	25.04	21.21	-15.3%	25.04	21.21	-15.3%
Stationery/Office/School Supply	21.19	18.91	-10.7%	21.19	18.91	-10.7%
	742.66	702.53	-5.4%	742.66	702.53	-5.4%

Note: Plastics are segregated under eight panels by DGCI&S

Source: DGCI&S

Export growth in the moulded & extruded goods category was driven by higher shipments to countries like United Arab Emirates and United States, while plastic sheet, film, plates etc category benefited from higher sales to Malaysia and Sierra Leone.

Optical items category received a boost on account of increased export to Russia and United Arab Emirates. Likewise, export of packaging materials benefited from higher shipments to United States and Bangladesh.

The negative export growth in plastic raw materials category was a bit concerning as this particular segment had experienced strong growth in the last year. Exports of plastic raw materials in April 2019 were lower on account of decline in sales to North East Asia (particularly China), Latin America & Caribbean (Peru), and South Asia (Bangladesh).

Human hair segment witnessed a decline in exports due to lower sales to key destinations including China and Myanmar. The human hair export segment has been struggling for quite some time now and their problems have already been submitted to the Department of Commerce for remedial measures.

PLASTICS EXPORT, BY REGION

India's plastics export in April 2019 did well in Commonwealth of Independent States (+77.2% year-on-year), Middle East (+14.0%), and North America (+6.1%), but the export growth was overshadowed by decline in shipments to Latin America & Caribbean (-36.8%), North-East Asia (-22.6%), South Asia (-14.5%), European Union (-4.7%), Africa (-2.1%), and ASEAN + 2 (-1.2%).

Exhibit 4: Region-wise trend in plastics export by India

Region	Apr-18	Apr-19	Growth	Apr 18- Apr 18	Apr 19- Apr 19	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
European Union (EU)	148.63	141.62	-4.7%	148.63	141.62	-4.7%
North-East Asia	120.22	93.04	-22.6%	120.22	93.04	-22.6%
Middle East	105.25	120.01	14.0%	105.25	120.01	14.0%
North America	98.32	104.31	6.1%	98.32	104.31	6.1%
Africa	87.33	85.52	-2.1%	87.33	85.52	-2.1%
South Asia	76.11	65.10	-14.5%	76.11	65.10	-14.5%
ASEAN + 2	51.97	51.33	-1.2%	51.97	51.33	-1.2%
Latin America & Caribbean (LAC)	45.32	28.64	-36.8%	45.32	28.64	-36.8%
CIS	5.90	10.45	77.2%	5.90	10.45	77.2%
Others	3.61	2.51	-30.5%	3.61	2.51	-30.5%
	742.66	702.53	-5.4%	742.66	702.53	-5.4%

Source: DGCI&S

Within Commonwealth of Independent States, India's plastics exports found great support in Russia (+117%) while exports to Middle East did particularly well in destination countries like Iran (+387%), United Arab Emirates (+53%), and Saudi Arabia (+90%). As far as North America is concerned, plastics exports were higher to Canada (+16%) and United States (+8%).

Major destinations in Latin America & Caribbean that witnessed a decline in plastics exports were Peru (-71%) and Ecuador (-33%). Plastics exports were also lower to North-East Asia, particularly China (-26%).

PLASTICS EXPORT, BY DESTINATION COUNTRY

During April 2019, 10 out of the top 25 destination countries recorded year-on-year growth in plastics export from India. Exports to Saudi Arabia, South Africa and United Arab Emirates witnessed high growth rates ranging between 50-90%, during the period.

Exhibit 5: Top 25 destinations of plastics exported by India

Country	Apr-18	Apr-19	Growth	Apr 18- Apr 18	Apr 19- Apr 19	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
China	102.59	76.11	-25.8%	102.59	76.11	-25.8%
United States	78.28	84.58	8.0%	78.28	84.58	8.0%
United Arab Emirates	33.07	50.67	53.2%	33.07	50.67	53.2%
Italy	32.63	25.47	-22.0%	32.63	25.47	-22.0%
Germany	25.89	25.27	-2.4%	25.89	25.27	-2.4%
Bangladesh	34.25	25.61	-25.2%	34.25	25.61	-25.2%
Turkey	22.76	9.12	-59.9%	22.76	9.12	-59.9%
United Kingdom	20.02	22.57	12.7%	20.02	22.57	12.7%
Nepal	17.64	19.43	10.2%	17.64	19.43	10.2%
Vietnam	14.95	11.06	-26.0%	14.95	11.06	-26.0%
France	14.99	16.09	7.3%	14.99	16.09	7.3%
Indonesia	9.41	8.04	-14.5%	9.41	8.04	-14.5%
Egypt	10.72	9.71	-9.4%	10.72	9.71	-9.4%
Belgium	11.09	11.97	7.9%	11.09	11.97	7.9%
Japan	9.39	8.60	-8.5%	9.39	8.60	-8.5%
Nigeria	13.48	7.37	-45.3%	13.48	7.37	-45.3%
Pakistan	13.66	9.66	-29.3%	13.66	9.66	-29.3%
South Africa	7.94	13.77	73.4%	7.94	13.77	73.4%
Israel	8.00	8.47	5.9%	8.00	8.47	5.9%
Mexico	11.05	9.29	-16.0%	11.05	9.29	-16.0%
Kenya	11.54	10.10	-12.5%	11.54	10.10	-12.5%
Spain	10.97	9.86	-10.1%	10.97	9.86	-10.1%
Sri Lanka	7.46	7.24	-2.9%	7.46	7.24	-2.9%
Canada	8.99	10.44	16.2%	8.99	10.44	16.2%
Saudi Arabia	5.95	11.30	89.9%	5.95	11.30	89.9%

Note: Top 25 destinations based on 2018-19 plastic exports by India

Source: DGCI&S

India exported plastics to 189 countries in April 2019 as compared to 183 countries in April 2018.

Exhibit 6: Panels with details of % growth seen in top 10 export destinations

Panel	Country	Apr 18- Apr 18	Apr 19- Apr 19	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Plastic raw materials	China	80.35	54.90	-31.7%
	Italy	22.94	15.86	-30.8%
	Turkey	19.13	7.69	-59.8%
	Bangladesh	27.17	17.93	-34.0%
	United Arab Emirates	13.43	18.98	41.4%
	United States	10.83	11.74	8.3%
	Vietnam	12.68	8.94	-29.5%
	Nepal	8.62	11.51	33.6%
	Indonesia	6.74	4.97	-26.4%
	Pakistan	12.97	8.80	-32.1%
Plastic sheet, film, plates etc	United States	19.73	21.36	8.3%
	United Arab Emirates	4.47	5.03	12.6%
	Germany	5.73	5.23	-8.9%
	South Africa	4.59	5.34	16.2%
	Nigeria	8.00	1.95	-75.6%
	Italy	5.04	4.54	-10.0%
	United Kingdom	3.75	4.43	18.3%
	Bangladesh	3.29	2.65	-19.3%
	Mexico	2.90	3.34	15.2%
	Spain	3.05	3.90	27.9%
Moulded & extruded goods	United States	18.31	23.72	29.5%
	United Arab Emirates	5.31	15.16	185.5%
	United Kingdom	4.53	5.03	11.2%
	Germany	4.40	3.90	-11.4%
	Canada	3.71	4.97	33.7%
	Sri Lanka	0.87	0.93	7.2%
	Spain	2.03	1.51	-25.3%
	Nigeria	1.51	2.31	52.8%
	Saudi Arabia	1.78	2.35	31.9%
	Brazil	1.19	1.49	25.0%
Packaging materials	United States	10.70	13.64	27.6%
	United Kingdom	5.61	5.35	-4.6%
	United Arab Emirates	3.47	4.03	16.0%
	Netherland	2.48	2.46	-1.0%
	Germany	2.52	1.75	-30.5%
	Belgium	2.24	0.54	-76.1%
	France	1.65	1.71	3.4%
	Spain	1.85	1.34	-27.5%
	Djibouti	3.17	2.20	-30.7%
	Nepal	2.14	1.37	-36.1%

Note: Top 10 destinations based on India's 2018-19 exports under the eight plastic product panels

Source: DGCI&S

Panel	Country	Apr 18- Apr 18	Apr 19- Apr 19	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Optical items (incl. lens etc)	France	10.11	11.00	8.8%
	Germany	4.32	4.45	3.0%
	United Kingdom	2.53	3.39	33.9%
	United States	3.47	1.03	-70.4%
	United Arab Emirates	1.35	2.94	118.4%
	Netherland	1.87	1.22	-35.0%
	Poland	1.72	0.43	-75.1%
	Italy	0.86	1.30	50.0%
	Russia	0.11	3.30	2980.0%
	Israel	0.49	1.02	105.6%
Other plastic items	United States	6.81	6.07	-11.0%
	Belgium	2.42	1.95	-19.3%
	United Arab Emirates	3.80	3.69	-3.0%
	South Africa	0.74	5.87	697.9%
	United Kingdom	0.57	1.04	82.0%
	Italy	0.72	1.14	58.5%
	Germany	0.84	2.17	159.8%
	Poland	0.37	0.99	170.9%
	Nepal	0.75	0.69	-6.9%
	Saudi Arabia	0.44	0.80	81.9%
Human hair, products thereof	China	16.01	15.06	-5.9%
	Myanmar	1.58	0.92	-41.7%
	United States	1.49	1.37	-8.4%
	Tunisia	0.78	0.94	20.3%
	Hong Kong	1.07	0.83	-22.7%
	Bangladesh	0.60	0.22	-62.8%
	United Arab Emirates	0.56	0.28	-49.3%
	Vietnam	0.55	0.26	-52.0%
	Indonesia	0.44	0.33	-26.1%
	Italy	0.34	0.11	-67.0%
Stationery/Office/School Supply	United States	6.93	5.65	-18.4%
	United Arab Emirates	0.69	0.55	-19.4%
	United Kingdom	1.37	1.15	-16.1%
	Thailand	0.85	0.75	-11.8%
	Algeria	0.37	0.60	64.4%
	Bangladesh	0.38	0.56	46.4%
	Germany	0.54	0.48	-11.2%
	Mexico	0.80	0.69	-14.1%
	Latvia	0.33	0.16	-52.1%
	Nepal	0.49	0.36	-25.6%

Note: Top 10 destinations based on India's 2018-19 exports under the eight plastic product panels

Source: DGCI&S

ANNEXURE-I

Trend in overall exports by India

Month	2018-19	2019-20	Growth
	(USD Bn)	(USD Bn)	(%)
April	25.95	26.07	0.5%
	25.95	26.07	0.5%

Source: DGCI&S

ANNEXURE-II

Trend in plastics export by India

Month	2018-19	2019-20	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
April	742.66	702.53	5.4%
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Source: DGCI&S

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