

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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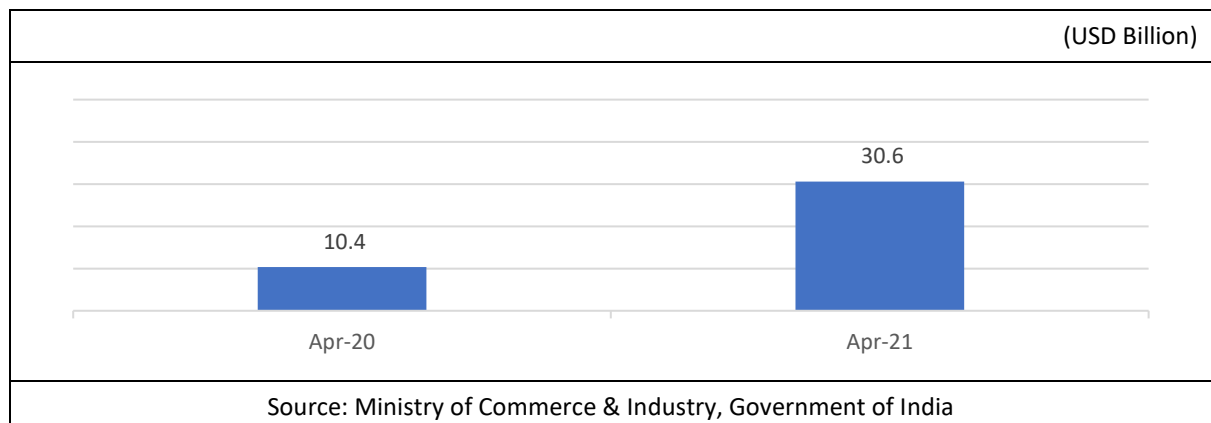
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 30.6 billion in April 2021, up 195.7% from USD 10.4 billion in April 2020. Despite the ferocious rise in new infections in India, the growth in exports during April 2021 is commendable.

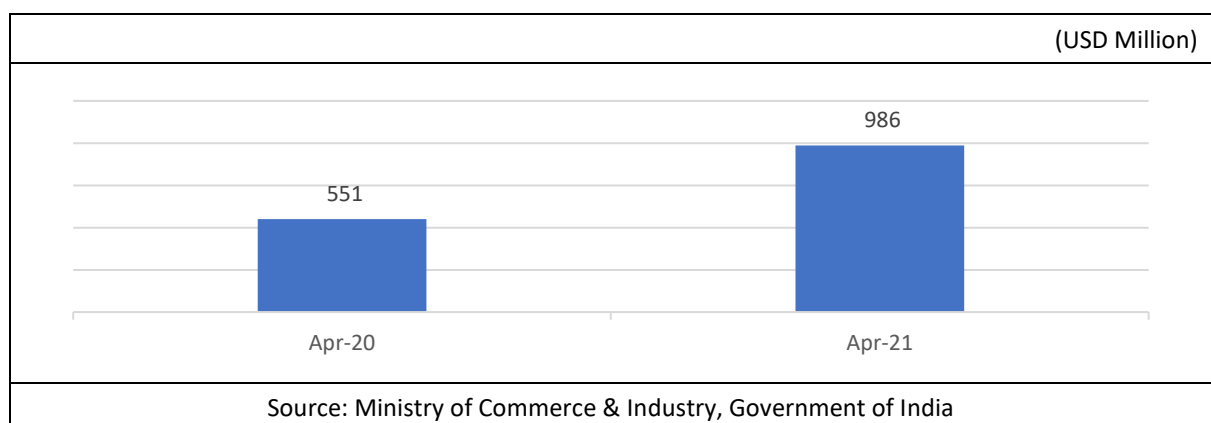
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During April 2021, India exported plastics worth USD 986 million, up 79.1% from USD 551 million in April 2020. Exporters indicated that though the business is looking up but high freight rates have become a huge deterrent.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In April 2021, most of the product panels, particularly, Woven sacks / FIBCs; Polyester films; Human hair products; Floor coverings, leathercloth & laminates; and Consumer & houseware witnessed a strong growth in exports. The Raw materials product panel, however, reported a 9.7% decline in exports.

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

Panel	April-20	April-21	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Consumer & House ware	7.4	50.5	+582.0%
Cordage & Fishnets	2.6	15.2	+490.3%
Composites / FRP products	5.4	33.3	+519.2%
Floor Coverings, Leather cloth & Laminates	5.1	49.5	+869.8%
Human Hair & Related Products	4.5	60.5	+1247.0%
Miscellaneous Products	53.1	156.2	+194.5%
Pipes & Fittings	3.3	21.8	+562.9%
Polyester Films	95.5	158.2	+65.7%
Plastics Raw Materials	335.3	302.6	-9.7%
Rigid Packaging & PET Preforms	11.5	32.2	+179.9%
Woven Sacks / FIBCs	25.5	92.1	+261.7%
Writing Instruments	1.7	14.0	+731.5%
	550.7	986.0	+79.1%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Export of **Consumer & house ware** products increased by 582.0% in April 2021 due to higher shipment of Tableware and kitchenware of plastics (HS code 392410); Tooth brushes (HS code 96032100); and Toys of plastics (HS code 95030030).

Cordage & fishnets export were up 490.3% in April 2021 on account of improved sales of Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene excluding binder or baler twine (HS code 56074900).

Export of **Composites** was up by 519.2% due to increased sales of Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s (HS code 39269099).

In case of **Floor coverings, leather cloth & laminates**, exports in April 2021 were up 869.8% as Indian exporters managed higher sales of Decorative laminates (HS code 48239019); and Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than PVC or PU: Other (HS code 59039090).

Export of **Human hair & related products** clocked an impressive 1247.0% growth due to strong sales of Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked (HS code 67030010) to China. India's human hair exports had witnessed a significant increase in the last year.

Miscellaneous products export increased by 194.5% in April 2021 due to higher sales of Optical fibres, optical fibres bundles and cables (HS code 90011000); Other sacks and bags of plastics (HS code 39232990); Polypropylene articles, n.e.s (HS code 39269080); Sacks and

bags of polymers of ethylene (HS code 39232100); and Spectacle lenses (HS code 90015000).

Export of **Pipes & fittings** witnessed a growth of 562.9% due to improved sales of Other rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings thereof of PVC (HS code 39172390); Rigid tubes of polyethylene (HS code 39172110); Other fittings of plastics (HS code 39174000).

Polyester films witnessed an increase of 65.7% in exports in April 2021 due to higher shipments of a variety of products including Flexible plates and sheets of polypropylene (HS code 39202020); and Other plates and sheets of polypropylene (HS code 39202090).

Plastics raw materials export was down 9.7% in April 2021 due to lower sales of Polypropylene (HS code 39021000).

Rigid packaging & PET performs export witnessed an increase of 179.9% due to improved sales of Other items of plastics for the conveyance or packing of goods (HS code 39239090); and Caps and closures for bottles (HS code 39235010).

Export of **Woven sacks and FIBCs** gained 261.7% during April 2021 on account of higher sales of Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers or FIBCs (HS code 63053200). India is a significant exporter of FIBC to Europe and North America.

Export of **Writing instruments** was up 731.5% in April 2021, mainly on account of stability in sales of Ball-point pens with liquid ink (HS code 96081019).

Exhibit 4: Details of % change seen in top 50 items of export

HS Code	Description	April-20	April-21	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers, for the packing of goods, of synthetic or man-made textile materials	19.2	72.0	+275.0%
39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	101.2	46.6	-53.9%
39076190	Polyethylene terephthalate: Other primary form	58.0	64.4	+11.1%
39232990	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics (excl. those of polymers of ethylene): Other	15.2	37.1	+143.7%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached	4.5	59.1	+1216.9%
39269099	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	5.3	32.9	+516.5%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0,94, in primary forms	29.4	10.0	-65.9%
39014010	Linear low-density polyethylene, in which ethylene monomer unit contributes less than 95 % by weight of the total polymer content	21.0	18.9	-9.8%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables (excl. made-up of individually sheathed fibres of heading 8544)	10.8	28.9	+166.4%
48239019	Decorative laminates	1.7	18.8	+1007.1%
39206220	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles: Flexible, plain	20.8	21.1	+1.3%
39269080	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Polypropylene articles, not elsewhere	5.9	20.2	+241.8%
39202020	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles: Flexible, plain	15.9	26.9	+68.9%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	5.8	15.5	+166.1%
39076990	Polyethylene terephthalate: Other primary form	7.1	27.0	+279.2%
59039090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane: Other	1.7	17.5	+912.1%
39239090	Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics: Other	6.0	14.6	+145.5%
39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excl. polymethyl methacrylate): Other	2.7	17.0	+537.6%
39202090	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles: Other	7.3	14.2	+95.6%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	1.3	11.0	+749.2%
39011010	Linear low-density polyethylene, in which ethylene monomer unit contributes 95 % or more by weight of the total polymer content	28.3	8.0	-71.6%

HS Code	Description	April-20	April-21	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
54072090	Woven fabrics of strip or the like, of synthetic filament, incl. monofilament of ≥ 67 decitex and with a cross sectional dimension of ≤ 1 mm: Other	4.3	12.1	+182.9%
39206290	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles: Other	9.1	12.8	+41.2%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms	5.6	10.9	+95.9%
90183930	Cannulae	5.1	7.0	+35.9%
39219099	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles: Other	6.9	8.6	+24.1%
39011020	Low density polyethylene	17.9	7.9	-56.1%
39219096	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles): Flexible, laminated	6.1	7.0	+15.7%
96081019	Ball-point pens	1.1	7.5	+569.6%
39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	0.5	7.4	+1447.9%
39072090	Polyethers in primary forms (excl. polyacetals): Other	5.5	4.1	-25.3%
56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene, whether or not plaited or braided and whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or sheathed with rubber or plastics	1.2	8.9	+668.1%
95030030	Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls; other toys: of plastics	0.5	6.3	+1129.4%
39199090	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide: Other	2.2	6.6	+194.2%
39219094	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles: Flexible, metallised	5.1	7.7	+51.7%
39206919	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked or only surface-worked, or only cut to rectangular, incl. square, shapes: Other	5.0	7.4	+48.6%
96032100	Tooth brushes, incl. dental-plate brushes	1.7	7.3	+321.4%
59031090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride: Other	0.9	6.3	+583.7%
39023000	Propylene copolymers, in primary forms	10.0	1.4	-86.3%
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation or	3.4	6.5	+91.2%
39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	3.7	5.2	+40.3%

HS Code	Description	April-20	April-21	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
39204900	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of vinyl chloride, containing by weight < 6% of plasticisers, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles	2.9	5.1	+75.4%
39241010	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Insulated ware	0.4	5.7	+1405.3%
39129090	Cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms (excl. cellulose acetates, cellulose nitrates and cellulose ethers): Other	3.7	5.5	+49.3%
39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	2.8	5.6	+98.9%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	1.9	5.6	+201.1%
39206929	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked or only surface-worked, or only cut to rectangular, incl. square, shapes: Other	1.2	5.9	+376.6%
54072030	Woven fabrics of strip or the like, of synthetic filament, incl. monofilament of ≥ 67 decitex and with a cross sectional dimension of ≤ 1 mm: Dyed	1.6	5.3	+224.7%
39073010	Epoxy resins	1.4	4.1	+203.0%
39011090	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0,94, in primary forms: Other	9.0	5.2	-42.7%

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