

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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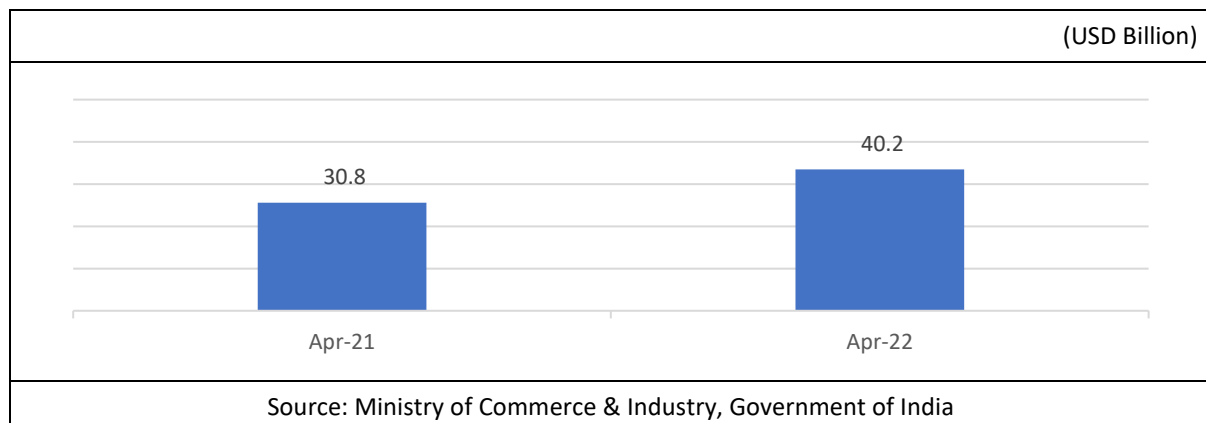
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 40.2 billion in April 2022, up 30.7% from USD 30.8 billion in April 2021. In the last financial year i.e. April 2021 to March 2022, India witnessed merchandise exports of USD 421.9 billion – its highest ever annual tally.

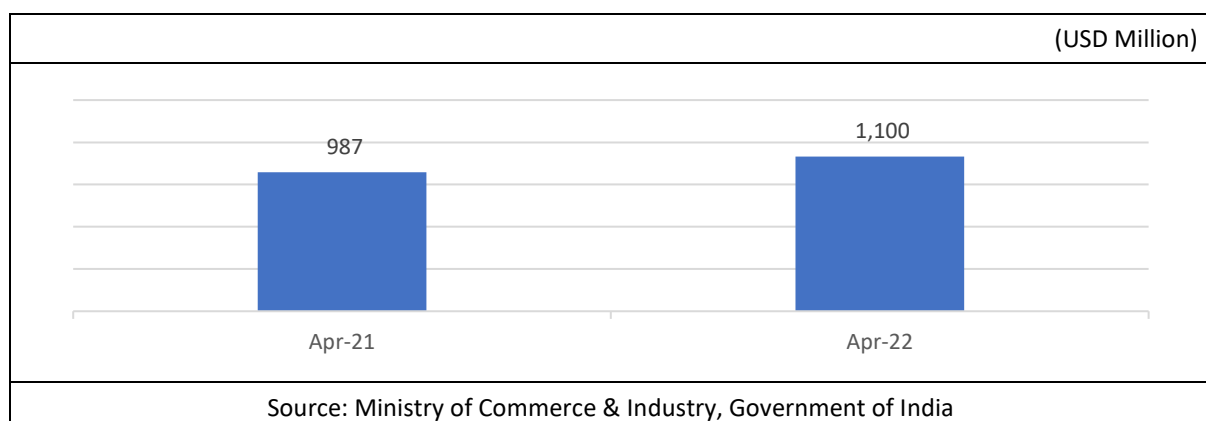
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During April 2022, India exported plastics worth USD 1,100 million, up 11.5% from USD 987 million in April 2021. In the last financial year i.e. April 2021 to March 2022, India witnessed plastics exports of USD 13.4 billion. The council has set a target of USD 16.7 billion in exports during the financial year i.e. April 2022 to March 2023.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In April 2022, most of the product panels, especially Writing instruments & stationery; Medical items of plastics; Plastic pipes & fittings; Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments; Plastic films and sheets; Consumer & houseware products; Packaging items - flexible, rigid; and Miscellaneous products reported a strong positive growth in exports. Export of Human hair & related products and Plastic raw materials, however, were in the negative.

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

Panel	Apr-21	Apr-22	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Consumer & houseware products	59.2	69.5	+17.5%
Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	19.3	24.1	+24.9%
FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics, & tarpaulin	129.3	141.6	+9.6%
Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	49.5	55.4	+12.1%
FRP & Composites	33.3	40.9	+23.0%
Human hair & related products	60.5	53.3	-11.9%
Medical items of plastics	30.7	39.8	+29.8%
Miscellaneous products & items nes	58.5	83.9	+43.3%
Packaging items - flexible, rigid	47.7	55.6	+16.5%
Plastic films & sheets	158.4	189.5	+19.7%
Plastic pipes & fittings	21.8	27.3	+25.2%
Plastic raw materials	302.9	293.0	-3.3%
Writing instruments & stationery	15.7	26.0	+65.0%
	986.7	1,099.9	+11.5%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Export of **Consumer & house ware products** increased by 17.5% in April 2022 due to higher shipment of Tableware and kitchenware, and other hygienic and toilet articles of plastics (HS code 3924); Plastic moulded suit cases (HS code 42021220); Switches of plastic (HS code 85365020); and Plastic tooth brushes (HS code 96032100).

Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments exports were also up by 24.9% in April 2022 aided by improved sales of Other twine of polyethylene or polypropylene (HS code 56074900); and Made up fishing nets (HS code 560811).

In case of **FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics, & tarpaulin**, exports in April 2022 were higher by 9.6% as Indian exporters reported increased sales of Other sacks and bags of plastics (HS code 39232990); and Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers or FIBCs (HS code 63053200).

Export of **Floor coverings, leather cloth & laminates** gained 12.1% during April 2022 on account of higher sales of PVC floor coverings (HS code 391810) and Decorative laminates (Hs code 48239019).

Export of **FRP & Composites** was up by 23.0% due to increased sales of Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s (HS code 39269099).

Export of **Human hair & related products** was lower by 11.9% due to a decline in sales of Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked (HS code 67030010). Although

a sizeable amount of sales of Human hair, unworked; whether or not washed or scoured (HS code 05010010) did take place during April 2022.

Export of **Medical items of plastics** witnessed an increase of 29.8% in April 2022 due to higher sales of Catheters (HS code 90183910); Cannulae (HS code 90183930); and Blood transfusion apparatus (HS code 90189032).

Export of **Miscellaneous products & items nes** increased by 43.3% in April 2022 due to higher sales of Polypropylene articles nes (HS code 39269080); and Optical fibres, optical fibres bundles and cables (HS code 90011000).

Packaging items - flexible, rigid export increased by 16.5% on higher sales of Sacks and bags of polymers of ethylene (HS code 39232100); Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures (HS code 39235010); and Other articles for conveyance or packing of goods (HS code 39239090).

Plastic films & sheets witnessed an increase of 19.7% in exports during April 2022 due to higher shipments of Self-adhesive films and sheets of plastics, whether or not in rolls (HS code 3919); Plates and sheets of polyethylene (HS code 392010); Sheets and films of polymers of propylene (HS code 392020); Flexible films and sheets of polyethylene terephthalate (HS code 39206220); Other sun and/or dust control film (HS code 39206929); Plates and sheets of cellular polymers of vinyl chloride (HS code 392112); and other flexible, metallised films and sheets (HS code 39219094).

Export of **Plastic pipes & fittings** witnessed a growth of 25.2% due to improved sales of Other tubes of polymers of ethylene (HS code 39172190); Rigid tubes, pipes and hoses of polymers of vinyl chloride (HS code 391723); Flexible tubes, pipes and hoses, having a minimum burst pressure of 27.6 MPa (HS code 39173100); and Other fittings (HS code 39174000).

Plastics raw materials export was lower by 3.3% in April 2022 due to a decline in sales of Linear low-density polyethylene (HS code 39011010, 39014010); Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0.94 or more (HS code 390120); Polypropylene (HS code 390210); and Polyethylene terephthalate in various forms (HS code 390761 and 390769).

Export of **Writing instruments & stationery** witnessed an increase of 65.0% in April 2022. The product segment, especially Ball point pens (HS code 960810) and Other office and school supplies (HS code 39261099) did quite well.

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

HS Code	Description	Apr-21	Apr-22	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers	72.0	86.0	+19.5%
39076190	Polyethylene terephthalate: Other primary form	64.4	44.5	-30.9%
39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	46.6	34.9	-25.2%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	59.1	40.5	-31.5%
39232990	Other sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics	37.1	40.8	+9.9%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables	28.9	48.7	+68.7%
39269099	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	32.9	40.3	+22.3%
39202020	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of ethylene: Flexible, plain	26.9	32.0	+19.1%
39076990	Polyethylene terephthalate: Other primary form	27.0	22.7	-15.9%
39269080	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Polypropylene articles, not elsewhere	20.2	23.4	+15.7%
48239019	Decorative laminates	18.8	23.2	+23.3%
39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excl. polymethyl methacrylate): Other	17.0	18.2	+7.1%
39014010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), in which ethylene monomer unit contributes less than 95 % by weight of the total polymer content	18.9	8.8	-53.5%
39206220	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate: Flexible, plain	21.1	24.2	+15.0%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	15.5	20.0	+29.0%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0,94, in primary forms	10.0	3.8	-61.8%
59039090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane: Other	17.5	16.9	-3.5%
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	14.2	15.4	+8.8%
39239090	Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics: Other	14.6	15.6	+6.7%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms	10.9	11.8	+8.6%
05010010	Human hair, unworked; whether or not washed or scoured	0.6	11.5	+1813.3%
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	12.1	12.0	-1.3%
56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene	8.9	11.5	+28.8%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	11.0	11.0	-0.5%
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	8.6	10.3	+19.8%
39073010	Epoxide resins, in primary forms: Epoxy resins	4.1	7.4	+81.7%

HS Code	Description	Apr-21	Apr-22	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
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	12.8	9.4	-26.5%
90183930	Cannulae	7.0	11.9	+70.3%
96081019	Ball-point pens	7.5	12.1	+60.9%
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	7.7	11.1	+45.4%
39199090	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide: Other	6.6	8.5	+28.8%
95030030	Toys of plastics	6.3	6.2	-1.6%
39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	7.4	7.9	+6.2%
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	7.4	9.3	+25.6%
96032100	Tooth brushes	7.3	8.3	+14.3%
39011090	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0,94, in primary forms: Other	5.2	10.2	+96.9%
39011010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), in which ethylene monomer unit contributes 95% or more by weight of the total polymer content	8.0	3.5	-56.3%
39219096	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials: Flexible, laminated	7.0	8.2	+17.1%
39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	5.6	8.1	+45.4%
39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	5.2	8.8	+70.1%
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms	6.5	6.0	-8.5%
39129090	Cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	5.5	7.0	+28.3%
39241010	Insulated tableware and kitchenware of plastics	5.7	6.0	+4.2%
39204900	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of vinyl chloride, containing by weight < 6% of plasticisers	5.1	6.7	+32.3%
59031090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride: Other	6.3	6.7	+7.2%
39181090	Floor coverings, whether or not self-adhesive, in rolls or in the form of tiles, and wall or ceiling coverings in rolls with a width of >= 45 cm, consisting of a layer of plastic fixed permanently on a backing of any material other than paper, the face side of which is grained, embossed, coloured, design-printed or otherwise decorated, of polymers of vinyl chloride: Other	5.3	6.0	+12.2%

HS Code	Description	Apr-21	Apr-22	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
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	5.9	8.1	+36.5%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics	5.6	5.9	+5.4%
39191000	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, in rolls <= 20 cm wide	4.6	7.5	+64.2%
39201019	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular plastics, 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	4.9	7.6	+56.5%

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