

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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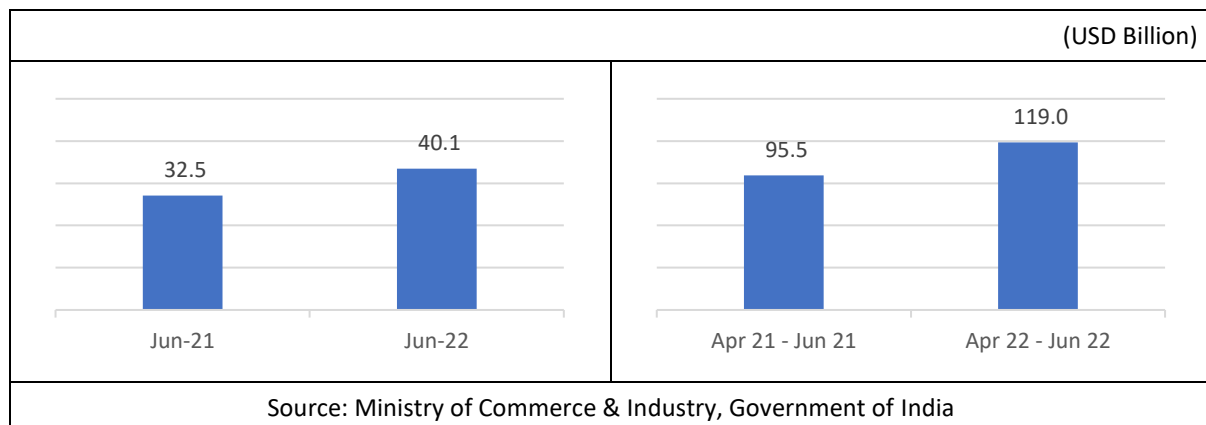
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 40.1 billion in June 2022, up 23.5% from USD 32.5 billion in June 2021. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 2022 – June 2022 was USD 119.0 billion as against USD 95.5 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a growth of 24.5%.

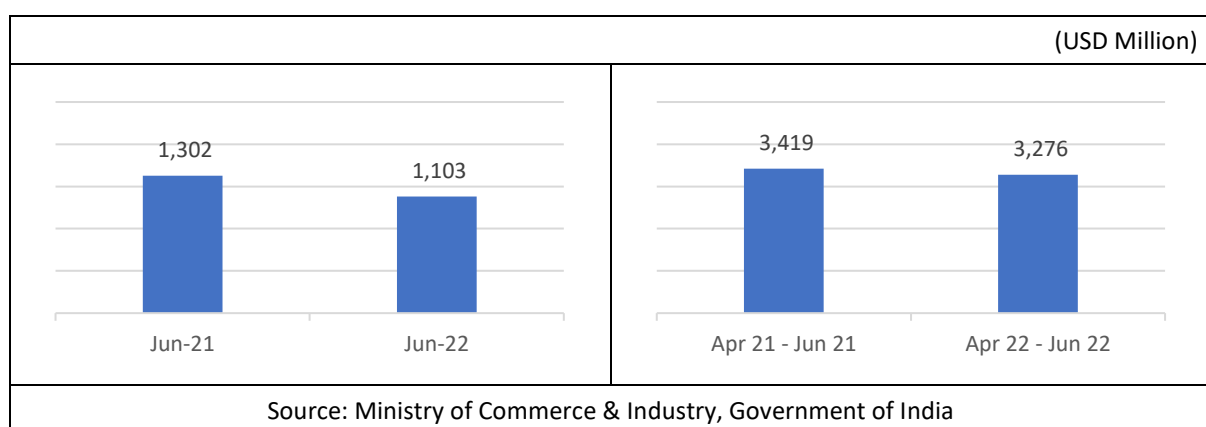
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During June 2022, India exported plastics worth USD 1,103 million, lower by 15.3% from USD 1,302 million in June 2021. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 2022 – June 2022 was USD 3,276 million as against USD 3,419 million during the same period last year, registering a decline of 4.2%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In June 2022, certain product panels, namely Writing instruments & stationery; Packaging items - flexible, rigid; FRP & Composites; Medical items of plastics; Plastic pipes & fittings; Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments; and Miscellaneous products reported a strong positive growth in exports. However, product panels like Plastic raw materials; Plastic films & sheets; FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics, & tarpaulin; Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates; Consumer & houseware products; and Human hair & related products reported a decline in exports.

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

Panel	Jun-21	Jun-22	Growth	Apr 21- Jun 21	Apr 22- Jun 22	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Consumer & houseware products	63.4	59.0	-7.0%	179.0	189.0	+5.6%
Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	21.4	23.4	+9.2%	59.0	70.3	+19.1%
FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics, & tarpaulin	142.6	134.0	-6.0%	405.3	407.6	+0.6%
Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	55.8	49.4	-11.4%	157.3	159.6	+1.5%
FRP & Composites	34.6	40.1	+15.9%	100.4	119.4	+18.9%
Human hair & related products	95.7	74.4	-22.2%	219.2	186.7	-14.8%
Medical items of plastics	36.6	41.9	+14.4%	96.1	124.3	+29.4%
Miscellaneous products & items nes	68.2	79.0	+15.9%	189.0	250.3	+32.5%
Packaging items - flexible, rigid	49.4	55.8	+12.8%	146.6	166.4	+13.5%
Plastic films & sheets	184.9	168.2	-9.0%	518.0	540.2	+4.3%
Plastic pipes & fittings	20.7	25.0	+20.7%	59.5	77.4	+30.1%
Plastic raw materials	514.8	331.6	-35.6%	1,241.4	914.0	-26.4%
Writing instruments & stationery	14.2	21.6	+52.4%	48.2	70.6	+46.4%
	1,302.2	1,103.3	-15.3%	3,418.9	3,275.8	-4.2%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Export of **Consumer & house ware products** declined by 7.0% in June 2022 due to lower sales of Tableware and kitchenware of plastics (HS code 392410); Other switches of plastic (HS code 85365020); and Toys of plastics (HS code 95030030). Exports were particularly down to the LAC region. Further, there has been a change in the HS code of Toys of plastics due to which the correct value of exports is not being reflected.

Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments exports were up by 9.2% in June 2022 aided by improved sales of Other twine of polyethylene or polypropylene (HS code 56074900) and Made up fishing nets (HS code 560811) to countries in the WANA region and North America.

In case of **FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics, & tarpaulin**, exports in June 2022 fell by 6.0% as Indian exporters reported a decline in sales of woven fabrics obtained from strip or the like (HS code 540720) to Afghanistan and the UAE. There was also a minor decline in export of Flexible intermediate bulk containers (HS code 630532) from India during the month.

Export of **Floor coverings, leather cloth & laminates** declined by 11.4% during June 2022 on account of lower sales of Textile fabrics impregnated or coated or covered or laminated with plastics other than PVC and PU (HS code 590390) to the United States.

Export of **FRP & Composites** was up by 15.9% 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 22.2% due to a decline in sales of Human hair, unworked (HS code 05010010) and Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked (HS code 67030010). India's major export destination for Human hair is China, however, there was a complete shutdown in certain trading hubs in China due to covid spread fears which impacted our exports.

Export of **Medical items of plastics** witnessed an increase of 14.4% in June 2022 due to higher sales of Syringes, with or without needles (HS code 90183100); Catheters (HS code 90183910); and Cannulae (HS code 90183930).

Export of **Miscellaneous products & items nes** increased by 15.9% in June 2022 due to higher sales of Hangers (HS code 39269069); and Optical fibres, optical fibres bundles and cables (HS code 90011000).

Packaging items - flexible, rigid export increased by 12.8% on higher sales of Sacks and bags of polymers of ethylene (HS code 39232100); Carboys, bottles, flasks and similar articles (HS code 392330); Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures (HS code 392350); and Other articles for conveyance or packing of goods (HS code 39239090).

Plastic films & sheets export fell by 9.0% in June 2022 due to lower shipments of Films and sheets of polymers of propylene (HS code 392020); and Films and sheets of polyethylene terephthalate (HS code 392062). India is a significant exporter of the above products to Europe.

Export of **Plastic pipes & fittings** witnessed a growth of 20.7% due to improved sales of Tubes, pipes and hoses of polymers of ethylene (HS code 391721); Rigid tubes, pipes and hoses of polymers of vinyl chloride (HS code 391723); and Other fittings (HS code 39174000).

Plastics raw materials export were lower by 35.6% in June 2022 due to a decline in sales of Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0.94 or more (HS code 390120); Linear low-density polyethylene (HS code 39014010); Polypropylene (HS code 390210); Other Moulding Powder of polymers of styrene (HS code 390319); Other acrylic polymers in primary forms (HS code 390690); and Polyethylene terephthalate in various forms (HS code 390761). It may be noted that prices of most polymers have further softened in June 2022.

Export of **Writing instruments & stationery** witnessed an increase of 52.4% in June 2022 due to higher sales of Ball point pens (HS code 960810).

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

HS Code	Description	Apr 21 – Jun 21	Apr 22 – Jun 22	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers	226.0	243.6	+7.8%
39076190	Polyethylene terephthalate: Other primary form	236.1	162.0	-31.4%
39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	202.1	102.0	-49.5%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	191.0	138.5	-27.5%
39232990	Other sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics	116.3	121.9	+4.8%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables	93.6	151.1	+61.3%
39269099	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	99.2	117.0	+18.0%
39202020	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of ethylene: Flexible, plain	97.5	90.2	-7.5%
39076990	Polyethylene terephthalate: Other primary form	81.0	83.9	+3.6%
39269080	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Polypropylene articles, not elsewhere	69.2	67.6	-2.3%
48239019	Decorative laminates	63.9	72.1	+12.7%
39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excl. polymethyl methacrylate): Other	105.6	55.7	-47.3%
39014010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), in which ethylene monomer unit contributes less than 95 % by weight of the total polymer content	91.1	20.1	-77.9%
39206220	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate: Flexible, plain	65.6	62.1	-5.4%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	48.8	59.3	+21.6%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0,94, in primary forms	70.5	11.0	-84.4%
59039090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane: Other	56.2	38.1	-32.2%
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	48.2	48.9	+1.3%
39239090	Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics: Other	42.4	47.2	+11.3%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms	37.0	35.8	-3.2%
05010010	Human hair, unworked; whether or not washed or scoured	25.5	42.2	+65.8%
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	38.4	33.4	-13.0%
56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene	27.1	32.6	+20.2%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	32.5	35.0	+7.5%
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	27.6	27.8	+0.8%

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		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
39073010	Epoxide resins, in primary forms: Epoxy resins	24.3	29.4	+20.7%
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	37.9	27.3	-28.0%
90183930	Cannulae	21.8	34.1	+56.3%
96081019	Ball-point pens	20.9	35.2	+68.4%
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	23.9	30.7	+28.4%
39199090	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide: Other	22.1	28.1	+27.1%
95030030	Toys of plastics	22.4	9.0	-59.7%
39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	24.9	22.9	-7.9%
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	23.0	26.0	+12.9%
96032100	Tooth brushes	20.9	24.4	+17.0%
39011090	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0,94, in primary forms: Other	17.8	29.3	+64.9%
39011010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), in which ethylene monomer unit contributes 95% or more by weight of the total polymer content	23.1	9.3	-59.9%
39219096	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials: Flexible, laminated	21.9	25.1	+14.8%
39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	18.4	24.3	+31.9%
39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	15.2	21.1	+38.3%
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms	18.3	19.1	+4.7%
39129090	Cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	15.9	22.3	+39.9%
39241010	Insulated tableware and kitchenware of plastics	15.4	14.5	-5.8%
39204900	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of vinyl chloride, containing by weight < 6% of plasticisers	15.5	19.2	+23.7%
59031090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride: Other	18.1	20.3	+12.3%
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	14.4	19.8	+37.1%

HS Code	Description	Apr 21 – Jun 21	Apr 22 – Jun 22	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
	otherwise decorated, of polymers of vinyl chloride: Other			
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	17.5	18.1	+3.6%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics	17.5	18.4	+5.3%
39191000	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, in rolls <= 20 cm wide	13.1	21.7	+65.6%
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	14.9	18.8	+26.7%

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