

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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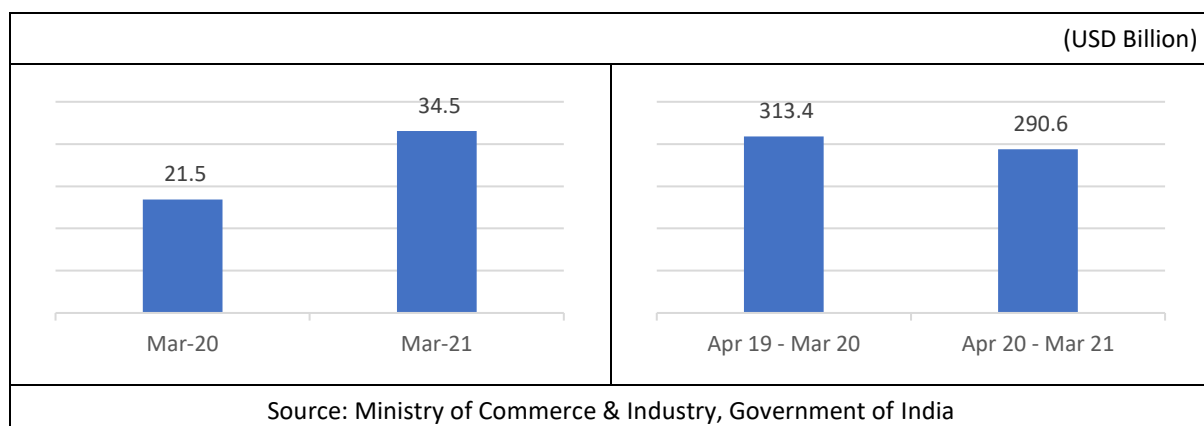
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 34.5 billion in March 2021, up 60.3% from USD 21.5 billion in March 2020. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 2020 – March 2021 was USD 290.6 billion as against USD 313.4 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a decline of 7.3%.

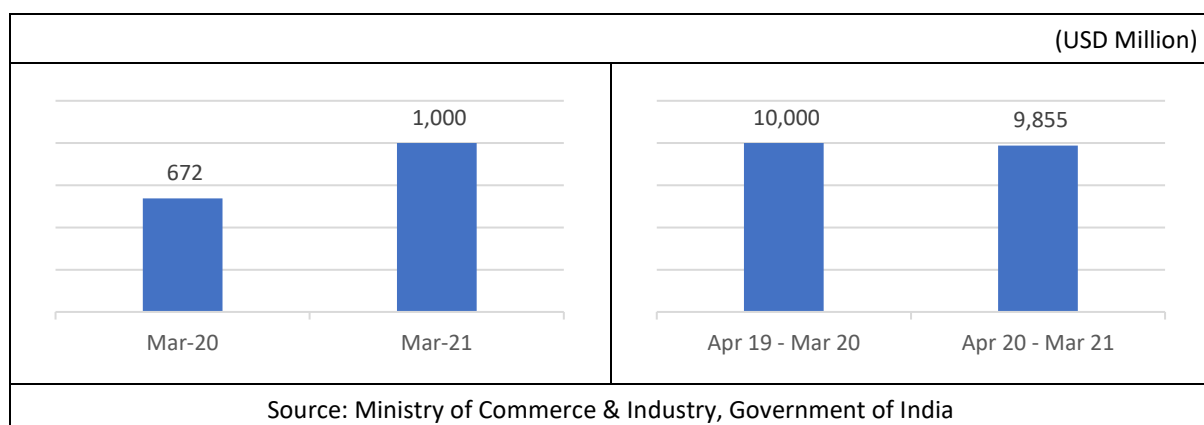
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During March 2021, India exported plastics worth USD 1.0 billion, up 48.9% from USD 672 million in March 2020. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 2020 – March 2021 was USD 9,855 million as against USD 10,000 million during the same period last year, registering a negative growth of 1.4%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In March 2021, all the product panels, particularly, Raw materials; Polyester films; Floor Coverings, leathercloth & laminates; Woven sacks / FIBCs and Miscellaneous products witnessed a strong growth in exports. It is important to mention that the Human hair panel reported a 102.8% jump in exports.

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

Panel	Mar-20	Mar-21	Growth	Apr 19- Mar 20	Apr 20- Mar 21	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Consumer & House ware	43.0	57.1	+32.9%	593.8	520.4	-12.4%
Cordage & Fishnets	12.8	19.4	+51.8%	171.8	175.3	+2.0%
Composites / FRP products	19.4	35.1	+81.3%	324.4	308.2	-5.0%
Floor Coverings, Leather cloth & Laminates	30.6	56.2	+84.0%	433.8	492.8	+13.6%
Human Hair & Related Products	25.6	51.9	+102.8%	263.8	383.6	+45.4%
Miscellaneous Products	101.6	176.2	+73.5%	1,553.1	1,550.5	-0.2%
Pipes & Fittings	13.5	22.5	+66.4%	182.2	188.2	+3.3%
Polyester Films	91.7	146.5	+59.7%	1,427.4	1,528.5	+7.1%
Plastics Raw Materials	219.6	286.2	+30.3%	3,455.5	3,348.0	-3.1%
Rigid Packaging & PET Preforms	22.9	33.7	+47.5%	331.0	326.7	-1.3%
Woven Sacks / FIBCs	75.5	99.4	+31.6%	1,057.1	884.7	-16.3%
Writing Instruments	15.5	15.6	+0.5%	206.2	148.3	-28.1%
	671.6	999.7	+48.9%	10,000.1	9,855.3	-1.4%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Export of **Consumer & house ware** products increased by 32.9% in March 2021 due to higher shipment of Toys of plastics (HS code 95030030); Tableware and kitchenware of plastics (HS code 392410); and Electrical switches of plastics (HS code 85365020).

Cordage & fishnets export were up 51.8% in March 2021 on account of improved sales of Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene excluding binder or baler twine (HS code 56074900); and Other made-up fishing nets (HS code 56081190).

Export of **Composites** was up by 81.3% 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 March 2021 were up 84.0% as Indian exporters managed higher sales of Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than PVC or PU: Other (HS code 59039090); Decorative laminates (HS code 48239019); and Other coverings of PVC (HS code 39181090).

Export of **Human hair & related products** clocked an impressive 102.8% growth due to strong sales of Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked (HS code 67030010) to China. India's human hair exports have witnessed a significant increase in the current year.

Miscellaneous products export increased by 73.5% in March 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); and Polypropylene articles, n.e.s (HS code 39269080).

Export of **Pipes & fittings** witnessed a growth of 66.4% 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); Flexible tubes, pipes and hoses, having a minimum burst pressure of 27.6 MPa (HS code 39173100).

Polyester films witnessed an increase of 59.7% in exports in March 2021 due to higher shipments of a variety of products including Flexible plates and sheets of polypropylene (HS code 39202020); Other plates and sheets of polypropylene (HS code 39202090); Flexible plates and sheets of PET (HS code 39206220); and Other self-adhesive plates and sheets of plastics (HS code 39199090).

Plastics raw materials export was up 30.3% in March 2021 due to higher sales of Polypropylene (HS code 39021000); Other acrylic polymers in primary forms (HS code 39069090); and Polytetrafluoroethylene or PTFE (HS code 39046100).

Rigid packaging & PET performs export witnessed an increase of 47.5% due to improved sales of Other items of plastics for the conveyance or packing of goods (HS code 39239090).

Export of **Woven sacks and FIBCs** gained 31.6% during March 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 a marginal 0.5% in March 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	Apr 19- Mar 20	Apr 20- Mar 21	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
39076100	Polyethylene terephthalate: having a viscosity number of 78 ml/g or higher	718.2	-	NM
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers	672.7	708.5	+5.3%
39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	510.8	675.3	+32.2%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0.94	410.6	299.7	-27.0%
39232990	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics (excl. those of polymers of ethylene): Other	371.1	381.0	+2.7%
39011010	Linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE)	349.2	114.9	-67.1%
39269099	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	319.3	303.8	-4.8%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	254.1	367.2	+44.5%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables (excl. made-up of individually sheathed fibres of heading 8544)	232.2	238.9	+2.9%
48239019	Decorative laminates	205.8	212.7	+3.3%
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 (excl. those of polymethyl methacrylate, self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible, plain	205.1	203.0	-1.0%
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	176.4	102.9	-41.7%
39269080	Polypropylene articles, not elsewhere	171.8	197.2	+14.8%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	156.1	161.2	+3.3%
39076990	Other, polyethylene terephthalate	155.3	159.3	+2.5%
39239090	Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics (excl. boxes, cases, crates and similar articles; sacks and bags, incl. cones; carboys, bottles, flasks and similar articles; spools, spindles, bobbins and similar supports; stoppers, lids, caps and other closures): Other	153.2	142.9	-6.7%
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 (excl. of cellular plastic; self-adhesive products, floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	151.0	97.9	-35.2%
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 (excl. self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible, plain	145.9	189.5	+29.8%

HS Code	Description	Apr 19- Mar 20	Apr 20- Mar 21	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
39011090	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0.94: Other	138.8	48.2	-65.3%
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	138.3	51.1	-63.0%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	133.9	117.3	-12.4%
96081019	Ball-point pens	121.3	86.2	-28.9%
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 (excl. self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	120.0	120.0	+0.0%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms	103.8	101.4	-2.4%
90183930	Cannulae	95.4	99.8	+4.6%
39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	90.4	82.9	-8.3%
96032100	Tooth brushes, incl. dental-plate brushes	86.4	70.3	-18.6%
39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excl. polymethyl methacrylate): Other	85.0	122.6	+44.2%
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 (excl. those of polymethyl methacrylate, self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	80.1	101.4	+26.5%
95030030	Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls; other toys; reduced-size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not; puzzles of all kinds: tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls; other toys; reduced-size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not; puzzles of all kinds: of plastics	78.5	78.9	+0.5%
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	77.2	79.9	+3.5%
59031090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride (excl. wall coverings of textile materials impregnated or covered with polyvinyl chloride; floor coverings consisting of a textile backing and a top layer or covering of polyvinyl chloride): Other	76.3	67.7	-11.2%
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 (excl. polycarbonates, polyethylene terephthalate and other unsaturated polyesters, self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings in heading 3918): Other	74.8	74.0	-1.1%

HS Code	Description	Apr 19- Mar 20	Apr 20- Mar 21	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
59039090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane (excl. tyre cord fabric of high tenacity yarn of nylon or other polyamides, polyesters or viscose rayon; wall coverings of textile materials impregnated or covered with plastic; floor coverings consisting of a textile backing and a top layer or covering of plastics): Other	72.4	152.2	+110.4%
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 (excl. self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918)	68.0	59.4	-12.7%
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation	67.3	64.6	-4.0%
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 (excl. of cellular plastic; self-adhesive products, floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible, metallised	66.2	76.4	+15.4%
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 (excl. of cellular plastic; self-adhesive products, floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible, laminated	64.0	87.7	+37.0%
39199090	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide (excl. floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	63.3	77.7	+22.7%
39072090	Polyethers, in primary forms (excl. polyacetals): Other	63.2	80.8	+27.9%
39241010	Insulated ware of plastics	60.3	59.3	-1.6%
39073010	Epoxy resins	59.8	50.4	-15.8%
39259090	Building elements for the manufacture of floors, walls, partition walls, ceilings, roofs, etc., of plastic; gutters and accessories of plastic; railings, fences and similar barriers, of plastic; large shelves, for assembly and permanent installation in shops, workshops, etc., of plastic; architectural ornaments, e.g. friezes, of plastic; fittings and similar products for permanent mounting on buildings, of plastic: Other	56.2	26.5	-52.8%
39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	54.8	57.8	+5.5%
39100090	Silicones in primary forms: Other	52.8	40.2	-23.9%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	50.1	55.5	+10.8%

HS Code	Description	Apr 19- Mar 20	Apr 20- Mar 21	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
39129090	Cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms (excl. cellulose acetates, cellulose nitrates and cellulose ethers): Other	49.9	59.1	+18.5%
39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	49.1	59.4	+21.0%
39031990	Polystyrene, in primary forms (excl. expansible): Other	48.7	26.2	-46.1%
39269069	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	47.9	36.4	-23.9%

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