

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT
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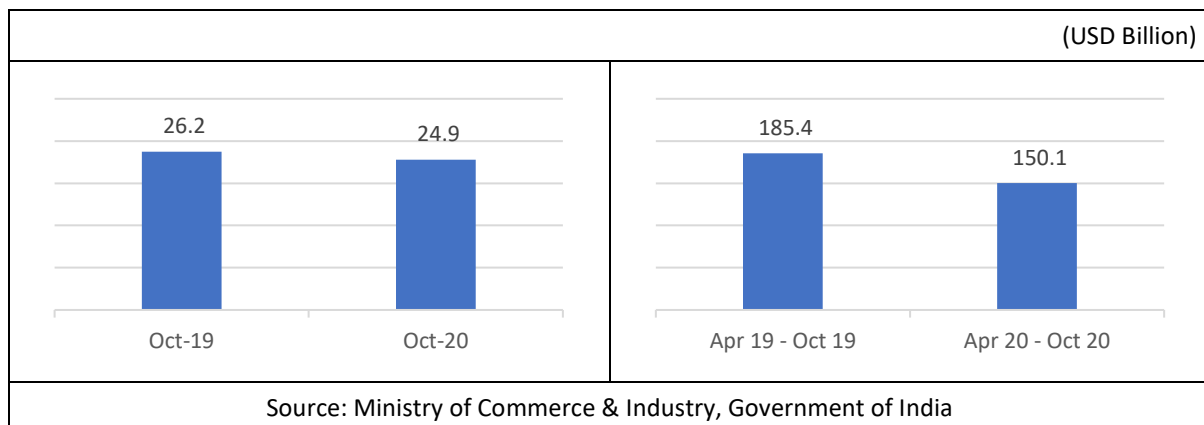
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 24.9 billion in October 2020, down 5.1% from USD 26.2 billion in October 2019. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 2020 – October 2020 was USD 150.1 billion as against USD 185.4 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a decline of 19.0%.

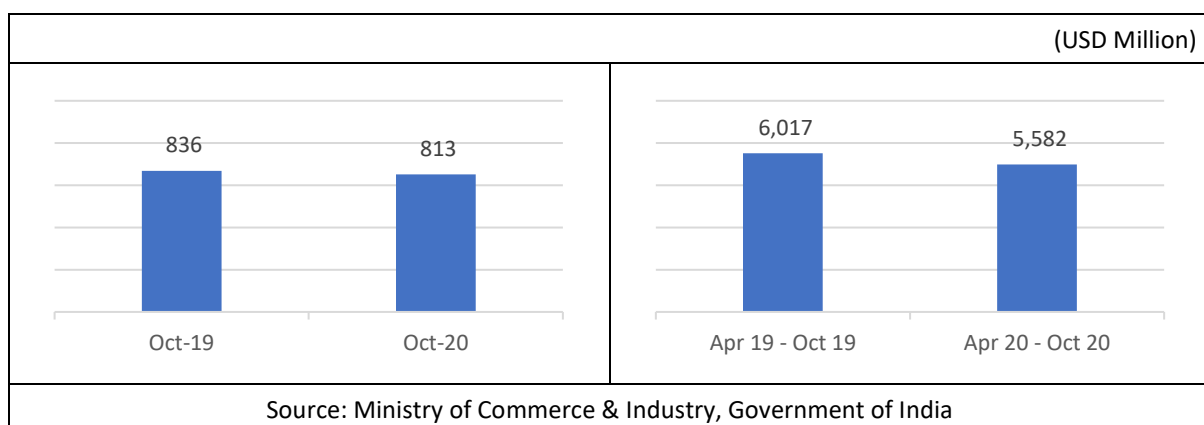
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During October 2020, India exported plastics worth USD 813 million, down 2.7% from USD 836 million in October 2019. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 2020 – October 2020 was USD 5,582 million as against USD 6,017 million during the same period last year, registering a negative growth of 7.2%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In October 2020, seven of the product panels, namely, Consumer & houseware; Cordage & fishnets; Floor Coverings, leathercloth & laminates; Human hair; Pipes & fittings; Rigid packaging & PET preforms; and Miscellaneous products witnessed a positive growth in exports. The remaining panels, particularly, Writing instruments; Raw materials and Polyester films, struggled to perform.

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

Panel	Oct-19	Oct -20	Growth	Apr 19- Oct 19	Apr 20- Oct 20	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Consumer & House ware	51.9	52.0	+0.2%	350.7	264.3	-24.7%
Cordage & Fishnets	13.2	14.0	+6.0%	95.8	89.9	-6.2%
Composites / FRP products	28.2	27.7	-1.9%	193.6	150.6	-22.2%
Floor Coverings, Leather cloth & Laminates	34.8	45.8	+31.6%	251.9	236.0	-6.3%
Human Hair & Related Products	20.6	35.8	+73.6%	152.4	175.2	+15.0%
Miscellaneous Products	127.8	140.9	+10.3%	946.4	790.9	-16.4%
Pipes & Fittings	15.2	17.3	+14.4%	107.9	95.0	-11.9%
Polyester Films	124.2	115.6	-6.9%	880.3	894.7	+1.6%
Raw Materials	289.3	240.0	-17.0%	2,120.0	2,193.2	+3.5%
Rigid Packaging & PET Preforms	28.4	28.4	+0.1%	194.7	181.3	-6.9%
Woven Sacks / FIBCs	85.1	81.8	-3.8%	604.3	429.5	-28.9%
Writing Instruments	17.3	14.0	-19.5%	119.1	81.3	-31.8%
	835.9	813.4	-2.7%	6,017.1	5,581.9	-7.2%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Export of **Consumer & house ware** products increased by 0.2% in October 2020. The export growth was supported by higher sales of Tableware and kitchenware of plastics (HS code 392410) and Other household and toilet articles of plastics (HS code 392490) to the United States in particular and that of Electrical switches, of plastics (HS code 85365020) to Czech Republic and Turkey.

Cordage & fishnets export witnessed a rise of 6.0% in October 2020 on account of higher sales of Made-up fishing nets (HS code 56081190) to the United Kingdom and Canada, and that of Other knotted netting of twine, cordage or rope of man-made textile materials (HS code 56081900) to Brazil, Turkey, Italy and the United Arab Emirates.

Export of **Composites** fell by 1.9% due to reduced sales of Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, nes (HS code 39269099).

In case of **Floor coverings, leather cloth & laminates**, exports in October 2020 were up 31.6% due to increased sales of Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than PVC or PU: Other (HS code 59039090) to the United States, and that of Decorative laminates (HS code 48239019) to Egypt, Nepal and Saudi Arabia.

Export of **Human hair & related products** clocked an impressive 73.6% growth due to strong sales of Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked (HS code 67030010) to China.

Miscellaneous products export increased by 10.3% in October 2020 due to higher sales of Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables (HS code 90011000) to the United Kingdom, Russia and France; along with improved shipments of Polypropylene articles, nes (HS code 39269080) to the United States.

Export of **Pipes & fittings** witnessed a growth of 14.4% due to improved sales of various tubes pipes and hoses as well their fittings to the United States and Egypt.

Polyester films witnessed a decline of 6.9% in exports in October 2020 due to lower shipments of Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastic (HS code 39219099) to the United States; BOPET sheets and films, flexible plain (HS code 39206220) to Germany, Italy, Russia and Egypt; and BOPP sheets and films, flexible plain (HS code 39202020) to Colombia, Honduras and the United States. It may be noted that India's export of Polyester films has been on a constant decline for three months now.

Plastics raw materials export fell by 17.0% in October 2020 due to lower shipments of Other polymers of ethylene (HS code 39011090) and Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0.94 or more (HS code 39012000) to China; Polypropylene (HS code 39021000) to China and Vietnam; and Other Polymers of styrene (HS code 39031990) to Bangladesh, Hong Kong and Italy. India had exported large volumes of Plastics raw materials in April and May 2020 due to low domestic demand.

Rigid packaging & PET performs export was near unchanged. The panel witnessed higher sales of Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics (HS code 39235010) to Zimbabwe, Portugal, China and the United Kingdom.

Export of **Woven sacks and FIBCs** fell by 3.8% during October 2020 due to decline in sales of Woven fabrics obtained from strip or the like (HS code 54072030 and 54072040) to Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Exports of FIBC (HS code 63053200) rebounded strongly in October 2020.

Export of **Writing instruments** slipped by 19.5% in October 2020, mainly on account of a decline in sales of Ball-point pens with liquid ink (HS code 96081019) to United States, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

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

HS Code	Description	Apr 19- Oct 19	Apr 20- Oct 20	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
39076100	Polyethylene terephthalate: having a viscosity number of 78 ml/g or higher	453.32	-	NM
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers	408.49	346.99	-15.1%
39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	286.14	492.91	+72.3%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0.94	259.09	228.49	-11.8%
39232990	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics (excl. those of polymers of ethylene): Other	220.87	194.08	-12.1%
39011010	Linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE)	209.65	83.69	-60.1%
39269099	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	190.99	148.24	-22.4%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	145.20	168.13	+15.8%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables (excl. made-up of individually sheathed fibres of heading 8544)	145.84	114.78	-21.3%
48239019	Decorative laminates	118.57	106.31	-10.3%
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	126.66	123.44	-2.5%
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	73.62	51.03	-30.7%
39269080	Polypropylene articles, not elsewhere	100.75	99.81	-0.9%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	94.90	85.73	-9.7%
39076990	Other, polyethylene terephthalate	103.81	87.52	-15.7%
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	91.41	82.23	-10.0%
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	105.19	61.56	-41.5%
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	85.56	118.21	+38.2%

HS Code	Description	Apr 19- Oct 19	Apr 20- Oct 20	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
39011090	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0.94: Other	95.77	27.88	-70.9%
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	84.35	20.70	-75.5%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	81.29	65.29	-19.7%
96081019	Ball-point pens	72.20	48.54	-32.8%
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	70.07	63.86	-8.9%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms	66.70	55.26	-17.2%
90183930	Cannulae	55.32	54.76	-1.0%
39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	54.80	41.58	-24.1%
96032100	Tooth brushes, incl. dental-plate brushes	50.02	36.09	-27.8%
39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excl. polymethyl methacrylate): Other	49.00	53.95	+10.1%
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	47.74	59.73	+25.1%
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	50.78	45.50	-10.4%
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	44.24	41.43	-6.4%
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	42.74	32.11	-24.9%
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 (excl. polycarbonates, polyethylene terephthalate and other unsaturated polyesters, self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings in heading 3918): Other	45.71	42.32	-7.4%

HS Code	Description	Apr 19- Oct 19	Apr 20- Oct 20	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	30.72	71.26	+132.0%
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)	43.06	33.50	-22.2%
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation	40.02	37.37	-6.6%
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	38.62	47.02	+21.8%
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	36.63	57.24	+56.3%
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	40.43	46.45	+14.9%
39072090	Polyethers, in primary forms (excl. polyacetals): Other	27.49	50.05	+82.1%
39241010	Insulated ware of plastics	30.67	25.03	-18.4%
39073010	Epoxy resins	37.72	22.76	-39.7%
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	45.62	13.41	-70.6%
39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	32.04	31.67	-1.2%
39100090	Silicones in primary forms: Other	32.66	20.71	-36.6%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	27.94	28.63	+2.5%

HS Code	Description	Apr 19- Oct 19	Apr 20- Oct 20	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	31.09	32.65	+5.0%
39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	28.87	29.68	+2.8%
39031990	Polystyrene, in primary forms (excl. expandable): Other	36.79	19.94	-45.8%
39269069	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	26.42	17.52	-33.7%

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