

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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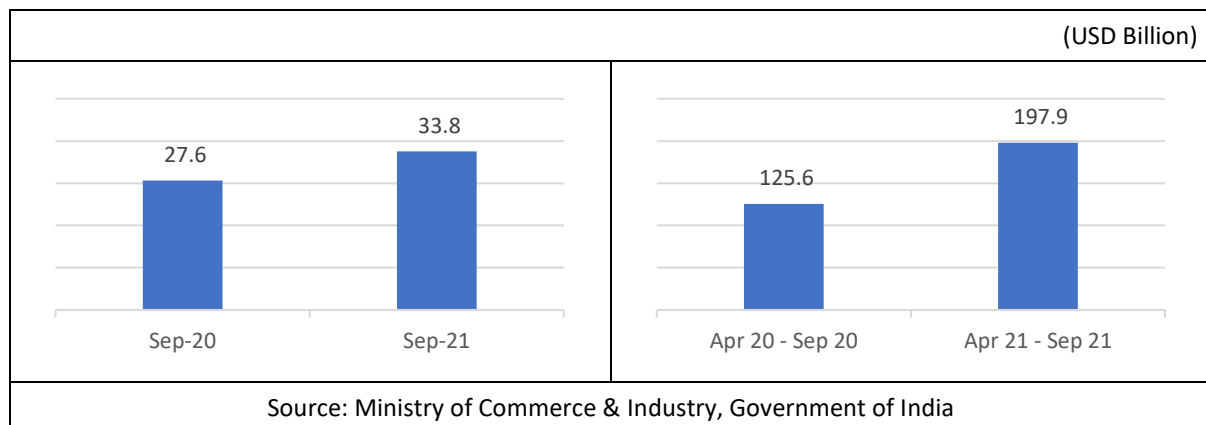
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 33.8 billion in September 2021, up 22.6% from USD 27.6 billion in September 2020. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 2021 – September 2021 was USD 197.9 billion as against USD 125.6 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a growth of 57.5%.

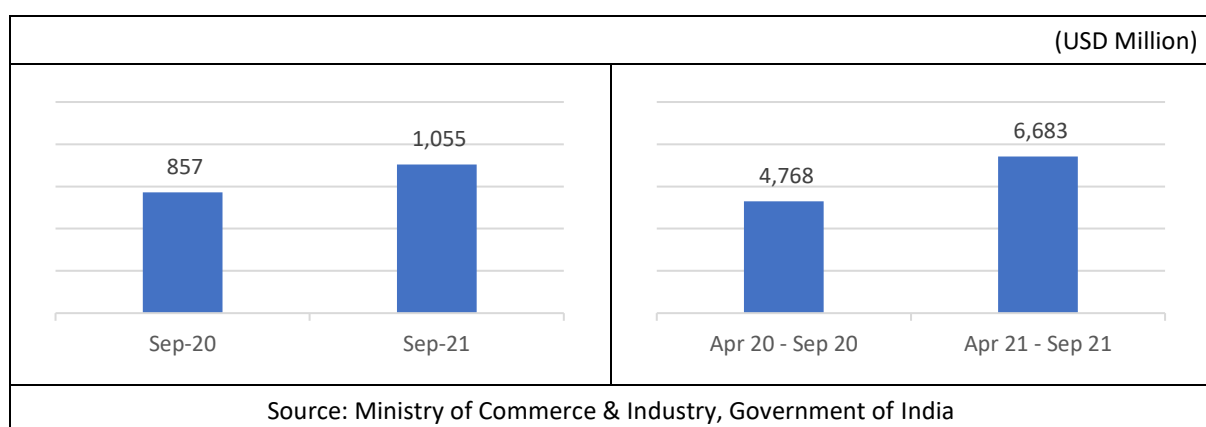
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During September 2021, India exported plastics worth USD 1,055 million, up 23.1% from USD 857 million in September 2020. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 2021 – September 2021 was USD 6,683 million as against USD 4,768 million during the same period last year, registering a positive growth of 40.1%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In September 2021, all the product panels, except Rigid packaging & PET preforms, reported positive growth in exports. Strong performance was registered by Human hair products; Composites / FRP products; Miscellaneous products; Pipes and fittings; Writing Instruments; and Polyester Films.

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

Panel	Sep-20	Sep-21	Growth	Apr 20-Sep 20	Apr 21-Sep 21	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Consumer & House ware	53.8	60.5	+12.4%	212.2	352.5	+66.1%
Cordage & Fishnets	17.3	17.9	+4.0%	75.9	97.3	+28.3%
Composites / FRP products	27.2	42.4	+56.2%	122.9	218.3	+77.6%
Floor Coverings, Leather cloth & Laminates	45.2	53.5	+18.2%	190.2	319.9	+68.1%
Human Hair & Related Products	35.8	71.5	+99.7%	139.3	455.1	+226.7%
Miscellaneous Products	139.3	193.5	+38.9%	650.1	1,043.5	+60.5%
Pipes & Fittings	16.0	21.5	+34.3%	77.7	130.5	+67.9%
Polyester Films	120.7	151.7	+25.7%	779.1	985.6	+26.5%
Plastics Raw Materials	275.0	294.4	+7.0%	1,953.2	2,204.5	+12.9%
Rigid Packaging & PET Preforms	31.7	30.8	-2.7%	152.8	191.4	+25.2%
Woven Sacks / FIBCs	82.1	100.5	+22.4%	347.7	594.1	+70.9%
Writing Instruments	13.4	17.2	+28.7%	67.4	90.4	+34.3%
	857.3	1,055.4	+23.1%	4,768.5	6,682.9	+40.1%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Export of **Consumer & house ware** products increased by 12.4% in September 2021 due to higher shipment of Toys of plastics (HS code 95030030); Tooth brushes (HS code 96032100); Bags and similar containers, with outer surface of plastic sheeting (HS code 42029200); and Other household articles and toilet articles, of plastics (HS code 39249090).

Cordage & fishnets export were also up by 4.0% in September 2021 aided by improved sales of Other binder or baler twine of polyethylene or polypropylene (HS code 560749).

Export of **Composites** was up by 56.2% 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 September 2021 were up 18.2% as Indian exporters reported higher sales of Floor, wall, ceiling coverings of plastics of polymers of vinyl chloride (HS code 391810); and Decorative laminates (HS code 48239019).

Export of **Human hair & related products** clocked an impressive 99.7% growth due to strong sales of Human hair, unworked, whether or not washed and scoured (HS code 05010010); and Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked (HS code 67030010).

Miscellaneous products export increased by 38.9% in September 2021 due to higher sales of Other sacks and bags of plastics (HS code 39232990); Optical fibres, optical fibres bundles and cables (HS code 90011000); and Polypropylene articles, n.e.s (HS code 39269080).

Export of **Pipes & fittings** witnessed a growth of 34.3% due to improved sales of Tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings thereof of polymers of ethylene (HS code 391721); Flexible tubes, pipes and hoses, having a minimum burst pressure of 27.6 MPa (HS code 391731); and Other fittings of plastic (HS code 39174000).

Polyester films witnessed an increase of 25.7% in exports during September 2021 due to higher shipments of Sheets and films of polymers of propylene (HS code 392020); and Flexible films and sheets of polyethylene terephthalate (HS code 39206220).

Plastics raw materials export was up 7.0% in September 2021 due to higher sales of Polytetrafluoroethylene (HS Code 39046100); Other acrylic polymers in primary form (HS Code 39069090); and Polyethylene terephthalate in various forms (HS Code 39076190 and 39076990).

Rigid packaging & PET performs export fell by 2.7% on lower sales of Other articles for conveyance or packing of goods (HS code 39239090); and Other stoppers, lids, caps and closures of plastics (HS Code 39235090).

Export of **Woven sacks and FIBCs** gained 22.4% during September 2021 as sales of Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers or FIBCs (HS code 63053200) remained strong. India is a significant exporter of FIBC to Europe and North America.

Export of **Writing instruments** witnessed an increase of 28.7% in September 2021. This product segment is limping back to growth after a period of difficult sales due to closure of schools and offices.

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

HS Code	Description	Apr 20 - Sep 20	Apr 21 - Sep 21	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers, for the packing of goods, of synthetic or man-made textile materials	279.9	491.8	+75.7%
39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	448.6	338.1	-24.6%
39076190	Polyethylene terephthalate: Other primary form	306.0	418.9	+36.9%
39232990	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics (excl. those of polymers of ethylene): Other	157.5	251.4	+59.6%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached	133.9	348.0	+159.9%
39269099	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	120.9	215.1	+77.9%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0,94, in primary forms	203.9	120.5	-40.9%
39014010	Linear low-density polyethylene, in which ethylene monomer unit contributes less than 95 % by weight of the total polymer content	167.6	139.4	-16.8%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables (excl. made-up of individually sheathed fibres of heading 8544)	97.7	207.5	+112.5%
48239019	Decorative laminates	86.4	133.7	+54.8%
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	109.6	125.8	+14.8%
39269080	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914: Polypropylene articles, nes	80.0	142.2	+77.8%
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	108.5	164.2	+51.3%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	70.0	105.9	+51.1%
39076990	Polyethylene terephthalate: Other primary form	79.8	146.4	+83.4%
59039090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane: Other	57.3	108.3	+89.2%
39239090	Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics: Other	70.3	84.4	+20.2%
39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excl. polymethyl methacrylate): Other	44.1	162.7	+268.8%
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: Other	54.8	93.4	+70.4%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	54.2	64.9	+19.8%
39011010	Linear low-density polyethylene, in which ethylene monomer unit contributes 95 % or more by weight of the total polymer content	74.0	47.9	-35.2%

HS Code	Description	Apr 20 - Sep 20	Apr 21 - Sep 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	41.5	68.7	+65.5%
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	52.7	62.7	+19.1%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms	46.8	81.4	+73.9%
90183930	Cannulae	46.4	46.4	+0.0%
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: Other	53.8	57.8	+7.4%
39011020	Low density polyethylene	60.5	51.0	-15.7%
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	51.4	45.8	-10.9%
96081019	Ball-point pens	40.7	48.3	+18.8%
39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	33.6	50.5	+50.3%
39072090	Polyethers in primary forms (excl. polyacetals): Other	45.3	23.5	-48.1%
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	34.4	57.1	+66.2%
95030030	Toys of plastics	36.1	56.8	+57.3%
39199090	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide: Other	41.0	44.7	+9.2%
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	40.7	45.9	+12.9%
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	35.9	45.2	+25.8%
96032100	Tooth brushes, incl. dental-plate brushes	30.0	44.2	+47.5%
59031090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride: Other	24.4	35.7	+46.5%
39023000	Propylene copolymers, in primary forms	48.6	32.1	-34.1%
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation	32.8	37.2	+13.5%
39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	24.7	32.3	+31.0%

HS Code	Description	Apr 20 - Sep 20	Apr 21 - Sep 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	29.3	33.0	+12.8%
39241010	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Insulated ware	19.0	34.2	+79.5%
39129090	Cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms (excl. cellulose acetates, cellulose nitrates and cellulose ethers): Other	27.6	34.0	+23.0%
39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	27.7	35.7	+28.9%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	23.5	34.0	+44.5%
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	23.7	35.8	+51.2%
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	17.2	19.3	+12.3%
39073010	Epoxy resins	18.4	54.5	+195.7%
39011090	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0,94, in primary forms: Other	24.0	39.3	+64.0%

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