

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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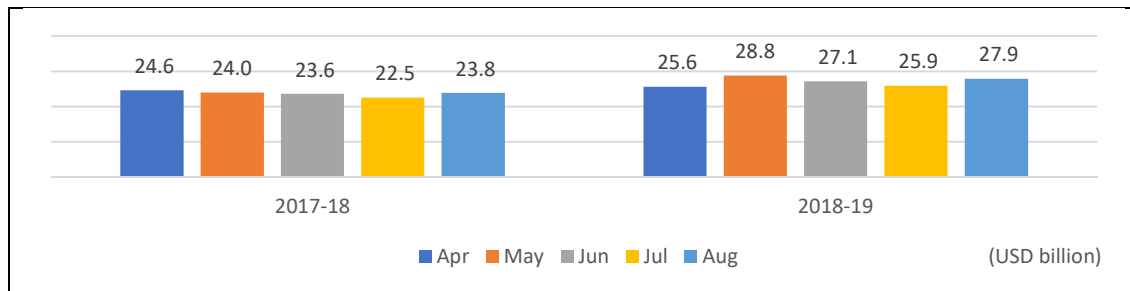
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 27.9 billion in August 2018, up 16.9% from USD 23.8 billion in August 2017. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 18 – August 18 was USD 135.3 billion as against USD 118.6 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a growth of 14.1%.

Exhibit 1: Trend in overall exports by India

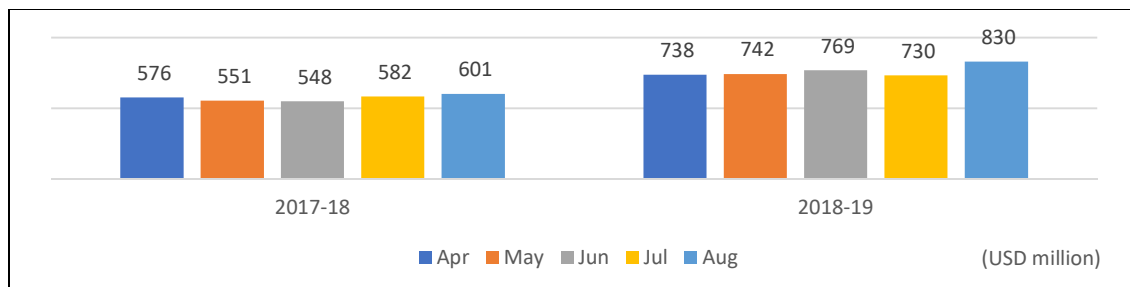


Source: DGCI&S

TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

Export of plastics from India continued to grow at a quicker pace than the overall merchandise exports. During August 2018, India exported plastics worth USD 830 million, up 38.1% from USD 601 million in August 2017. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 18 – August 18 was USD 3,810 million as against USD 2,858 million during the same period last year, registering a staggering growth of 33.3%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



Source: DGCI&S

- Plastics formed 2.98% of India's overall merchandise exports in August 2018
- India exported plastics to 186 countries in August 2018
- United States, China, and United Arab Emirates were the top three buyers of plastics from India in August 2018

PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In August 2018, products grouped under plastic raw materials witnessed year-on-year growth of 59.7%; followed by other plastic items (+49.5%); plastic sheet, film, plates etc (+31.4%); packaging materials (+30.5%); moulded & extruded goods (+24.9%); stationery/office/school supply (+9.8%); and optical items (+0.1%).

Export of products grouped under human hair, products thereof registered a decline of 33.5% in August 2018.

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

Panel	Aug-17	Aug-18	Growth	Apr 17- Aug 17	Apr 18- Aug 18	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Plastic raw materials	252.72	403.54	59.7%	1,120.92	1,846.48	64.7%
Plastic sheet, film, plates etc	102.47	134.63	31.4%	488.13	615.41	26.1%
Moulded & extruded goods	81.38	101.60	24.9%	438.24	450.68	2.8%
Packaging materials	62.67	81.81	30.5%	287.39	345.18	20.1%
Optical items (incl. lens etc)	38.34	38.38	0.1%	174.86	199.52	14.1%
Other plastic items	23.77	35.55	49.5%	148.37	154.62	4.2%
Stationery/Office/School Supply	18.86	20.71	9.8%	94.17	107.35	14.0%
Human hair, products thereof	20.78	13.82	-33.5%	105.89	90.32	-14.7%
	600.99	830.05	38.1%	2,857.99	3,809.55	33.3%

Note: Plastics are segregated under eight panels by DGCI&S

Source: DGCI&S

PLASTICS EXPORT, BY REGION

India's plastics export in August 2018 were boosted by higher exports to North-East Asia (up 98.2% year-on-year), Africa (+72.9%), ASEAN + 2 (+72.1%), Commonwealth of Independent States (+56.0%), South Asia (+38.5%), North America (+36.3%), Latin America & Caribbean (+29.9%), Middle East (+13.3%), and European Union (+10.8%).

Exhibit 4: Region-wise trend in plastics export by India

Region	Aug-17	Aug-18	Growth	Apr 17- Aug 17	Apr 18- Aug 18	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
European Union (EU)	147.70	163.71	10.8%	651.87	766.15	17.5%
Middle East	107.09	121.29	13.3%	526.97	601.66	14.2%
North-East Asia	59.35	117.64	98.2%	233.08	529.76	127.3%
North America	83.14	113.29	36.3%	416.60	508.10	22.0%
Africa	61.37	106.10	72.9%	364.03	480.67	32.0%
South Asia	51.38	71.18	38.5%	250.95	355.80	41.8%
ASEAN + 2	44.65	76.84	72.1%	203.74	296.78	45.7%
Latin America & Caribbean (LAC)	36.04	46.83	29.9%	165.25	215.55	30.4%
CIS	6.40	9.99	56.0%	28.68	35.51	23.8%
Others	3.86	3.17	-17.8%	16.81	19.57	16.4%
	600.99	830.05	38.1%	2,857.99	3,809.55	33.3%

Source: DGCI&S

PLASTICS EXPORT, BY DESTINATION COUNTRY

During August 2018, 19 out of the top 25 destination countries recorded year-on-year growth in plastics export from India. Exports to China, Vietnam and Kenya witnessed high growth rates ranging between 90-230%, during the period.

Exhibit 5: Top 25 destinations of plastics exported by India

Country	Aug-17	Aug-18	Growth	Apr 17- Aug 17	Apr 18- Aug 18	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
United States	70.04	94.44	34.8%	349.18	411.79	17.9%
China	47.99	93.36	94.6%	176.40	428.15	142.7%
United Arab Emirates	27.83	38.72	39.1%	153.43	186.90	21.8%
Italy	33.76	31.87	-5.6%	138.77	160.82	15.9%
Turkey	29.40	21.12	-28.2%	124.27	130.53	5.0%
Germany	23.11	30.16	30.5%	113.87	134.76	18.3%
Bangladesh	20.51	29.36	43.1%	93.22	146.51	57.2%
United Kingdom	22.31	23.91	7.2%	95.37	105.24	10.4%
Nepal	12.20	20.50	68.0%	71.09	90.91	27.9%
Vietnam	11.77	23.82	102.3%	45.99	82.73	79.9%
Egypt	13.11	15.70	19.7%	69.88	69.08	-1.1%
France	13.10	14.51	10.7%	50.61	75.82	49.8%
Belgium	12.41	11.32	-8.8%	53.62	56.32	5.0%
Pakistan	8.38	7.89	-5.8%	35.35	53.09	50.2%
Nigeria	7.13	13.39	87.9%	46.44	70.82	52.5%
Spain	9.30	10.75	15.6%	45.53	50.33	10.6%
Sri Lanka	8.01	9.61	19.9%	40.33	47.58	18.0%
Israel	10.02	12.19	21.7%	37.36	49.12	31.5%
South Africa	8.14	11.04	35.6%	36.37	46.48	27.8%
Kenya	4.58	15.11	230.3%	32.63	57.89	77.4%
Saudi Arabia	8.48	6.96	-17.9%	45.51	38.15	-16.2%
Poland	8.44	8.91	5.6%	37.31	37.75	1.2%
Canada	7.16	10.08	40.8%	37.19	42.31	13.8%
Netherlands	8.79	8.69	-1.2%	36.21	40.54	12.0%
Mexico	5.94	8.77	47.5%	30.23	54.00	78.6%

Note: Top 25 destinations based on 2017-18 plastic exports by India

Source: DGCI&S

India exported plastics to 186 countries in August 2018 as compared to 181 countries in August 2017. During August 2018, no plastics export were made from India to destination countries including Albania, Cape Verde Islands, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Korea Democratic Republic, Laos, Samoa, Sao Tome, St Kitts & Nevis, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. Plastics export from India to these countries were valued at USD 0.40 million in August 2017.

New destination countries added by India for plastics export during August 2018 included Antigua, Aruba, Eritrea, French Guiana, Grenada, Guam, Luxembourg, Mayotte, Nauru Republic, San Marino, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Vanuatu Republic, Virgin Islands (US). Plastics export from India to these countries were valued at USD 0.40 million in August 2018.

Exhibit 6: Panels with details of % growth seen in top 5 export destinations during August 2018 over August 2017

Panel	Country	Aug-17	Aug-18	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Plastic raw materials	China	29.39	79.81	171.6%
	Turkey	24.93	18.12	-27.3%
	Italy	23.01	21.95	-4.6%
	United Arab Emirates	10.79	15.87	47.1%
	Bangladesh	14.83	21.13	42.5%
Plastic sheet, film, plates etc	United States	17.99	23.22	29.1%
	Italy	5.15	4.83	-6.2%
	South Africa	4.61	6.23	35.2%
	Germany	4.28	7.39	72.6%
	United Arab Emirates	3.61	5.80	60.4%
Moulded & extruded goods	United States	21.91	24.34	11.1%
	United Kingdom	5.16	5.37	4.2%
	United Arab Emirates	3.13	6.49	107.8%
	Germany	4.28	5.02	17.2%
	Canada	3.26	4.01	22.8%
Packaging materials	United States	11.21	15.38	37.2%
	United Kingdom	5.33	7.10	33.2%
	United Arab Emirates	3.82	3.78	-1.1%
	Netherlands	2.24	3.08	37.6%
	Germany	2.42	2.33	-3.7%
Optical items (incl. lens etc)	France	4.23	9.31	120.3%
	Germany	4.28	4.13	-3.5%
	United Kingdom	5.29	3.78	-28.6%
	Poland	2.25	1.21	-46.1%
	United States	2.40	2.37	-1.4%
Other plastic items	United States	3.22	7.08	119.8%
	United Arab Emirates	2.28	3.82	67.8%
	Belgium	2.13	3.93	84.4%
	South Africa	0.51	1.19	133.6%
	Ethiopia	0.04	0.02	-61.0%
Human hair, products thereof	China	12.36	6.15	-50.2%
	Myanmar	2.59	1.77	-31.8%
	United States	0.97	1.24	27.5%
	Tunisia	1.02	0.43	-58.0%
	Italy	0.52	0.34	-35.0%
Stationery/Office/School Supply	United States	2.84	3.27	15.1%
	United Kingdom	1.67	1.25	-25.4%
	United Arab Emirates	1.54	1.58	2.6%
	Thailand	1.08	0.98	-9.5%
	Germany	0.64	0.59	-7.9%

Note: Top 5 destinations based on India's 2017-18 exports under the eight plastic product panels

Source: DGCI&S

ANNEXURE-I

Trend in overall exports by India

Month	2017-18	2018-19	Growth
	(USD Bn)	(USD Bn)	(%)
April	24.60	25.64	4.2%
May	24.03	28.78	19.7%
June	23.58	27.15	15.1%
July	22.54	25.89	14.9%
August	23.85	27.87	16.9%
	118.60	135.33	14.1%

Source: DGCI&S

ANNEXURE-II

Trend in plastics export by India

Month	2017-18	2018-19	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
April	576.31	738.31	28.1%
May	551.40	741.65	34.5%
June	547.65	769.08	40.4%
July	581.63	730.46	25.6%
August	600.99	830.05	38.1%
	2,857.99	3,809.55	33.3%

Source: DGCI&S

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