

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT
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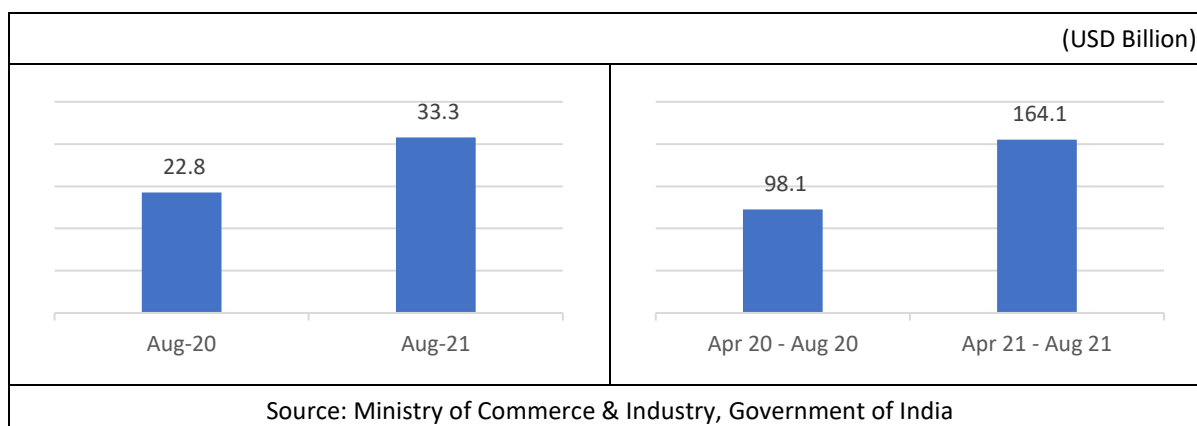
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 33.3 billion in August 2021, up 45.8% from USD 22.8 billion in August 2020. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 2021 – August 2021 was USD 164.1 billion as against USD 98.1 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a growth of 67.3%.

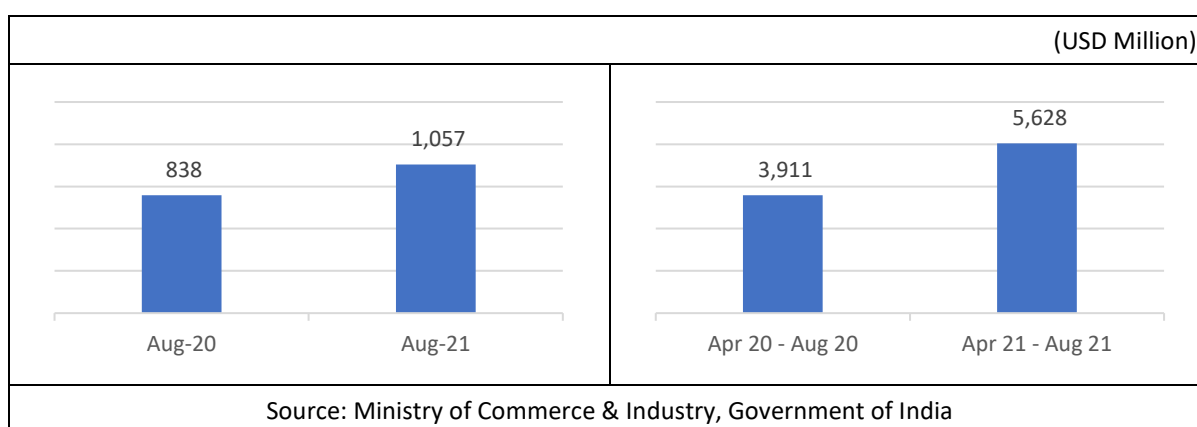
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During August 2021, India exported plastics worth USD 1,057 million, up 26.1% from USD 838 million in August 2020. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 2021 – August 2021 was USD 5,628 million as against USD 3,911 million during the same period last year, registering a positive growth of 43.9%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In August 2021, all the product panels especially Composites / FRP products; Miscellaneous products; Woven sacks / FIBCs; Floor coverings, leathercloth & laminates; and Human hair products, reported high growth. In terms of absolute growth, strong gains were registered by Miscellaneous products; Woven sacks / FIBCs; Polyester Films; and Human hair products.

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

Panel	Aug-20	Aug-21	Growth	Apr 20- Aug 20	Apr 21- Aug 21	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Consumer & House ware	45.0	63.1	+40.1%	158.4	292.0	+84.3%
Cordage & Fishnets	13.5	15.9	+18.0%	58.6	79.4	+35.4%
Composites / FRP products	23.7	36.0	+51.7%	95.8	175.9	+83.6%
Floor Coverings, Leather cloth & Laminates	35.9	52.4	+45.9%	145.0	266.4	+83.7%
Human Hair & Related Products	29.4	71.3	+143.1%	103.5	383.7	+270.5%
Miscellaneous Products	123.0	184.3	+49.9%	510.7	850.0	+66.4%
Pipes & Fittings	17.4	25.2	+45.0%	61.7	109.0	+76.6%
Polyester Films	132.3	150.5	+13.8%	658.4	833.8	+26.6%
Plastics Raw Materials	309.4	311.2	+0.6%	1,678.2	1,910.1	+13.8%
Rigid Packaging & PET Preforms	25.3	30.9	+22.0%	121.1	160.6	+32.6%
Woven Sacks / FIBCs	68.8	100.7	+46.3%	265.6	493.6	+85.8%
Writing Instruments	14.1	15.0	+6.7%	54.0	73.2	+35.6%
	837.7	1,056.7	+26.1%	3,911.2	5,627.6	+43.9%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Export of **Consumer & house ware** products increased by 40.1% in August 2021 due to higher shipment of Toys of plastics (HS code 95030030); Tooth brushes (HS code 96032100); Insulated tableware and kitchenware of plastics (HS code 39241010); and Other switches of plastic (HS code 85365020).

Cordage & fishnets export were also up by 18.0% in August 2021 aided by improved sales of Other binder or baler twine of polyethylene or polypropylene (HS code 560749).

Export of **Composites** was up by 51.7% 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 August 2021 were up 45.9% as Indian exporters reported higher sales of Decorative laminates (HS code 48239019); Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than PVC or PU: Other (HS code 59039090); and Other wall or ceiling coverings of PVC (HS code 39181090).

Export of **Human hair & related products** clocked an impressive 143.1% growth due to strong sales of Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked (HS code 67030010); and Human hair, unworked, whether or not washed and scoured (HS code 05010010).

Miscellaneous products export increased by 49.9% in August 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); Polypropylene articles, n.e.s (HS code 39269080); and sacks and bags of polymers of ethylene (HS code 39232100).

Export of **Pipes & fittings** witnessed a growth of 45.0% due to improved sales of Tubes, pipes, and hoses of polymers of vinyl chloride (HS code 391723); 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 13.8% in exports during August 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 0.6% in August 2021 due to higher sales of Other polyethylene (HS Code 39011090); Polytetrafluoroethylene (HS Code 39046100); Other acrylic polymers in primary form (HS Code 39069090); Epoxy resins (HS Code 39073010); and Polyethylene terephthalate in various forms (HS Code 39076190 and 39076990).

Rigid packaging & PET performs export were up 22.0% on higher sales of Other articles for conveyance or packing of goods (HS code 39239090); and Caps and closures of plastics (HS Code 39235010).

Export of **Woven sacks and FIBCs** gained 46.3% during August 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 6.7% in August 2021.

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

HS Code	Description	Apr 20 - Aug 20	Apr 21 - Aug 21	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers, for the packing of goods, of synthetic or man-made textile materials	217.1	403.6	85.9%
39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	393.1	293.6	-25.3%
39076190	Polyethylene terephthalate: Other primary form	269.7	354.5	31.4%
39232990	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics (excl. those of polymers of ethylene): Other	123.3	205.5	66.6%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached	99.4	300.3	202.2%
39269099	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Other	94.1	173.5	84.4%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0,94, in primary forms	181.7	111.6	-38.6%
39014010	Linear low-density polyethylene, in which ethylene monomer unit contributes less than 95 % by weight of the total polymer content	135.8	124.5	-8.3%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables (excl. made-up of individually sheathed fibres of heading 8544)	78.4	168.2	114.7%
48239019	Decorative laminates	66.2	111.2	67.9%
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	96.5	106.0	9.8%
39269080	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914: Polypropylene articles, nes	63.4	116.4	83.7%
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	95.9	142.5	48.6%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	55.0	86.0	56.4%
39076990	Polyethylene terephthalate: Other primary form	64.9	123.0	89.6%
59039090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane: Other	43.5	93.4	114.8%
39239090	Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics: Other	55.6	70.5	26.8%
39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excl. polymethyl methacrylate): Other	34.1	145.5	326.4%
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	45.6	79.9	75.2%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	41.4	54.5	31.5%
39011010	Linear low-density polyethylene, in which ethylene monomer unit contributes 95 % or more by weight of the total polymer content	66.0	41.9	-36.5%

HS Code	Description	Apr 20 - Aug 20	Apr 21 - Aug 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	32.9	58.2	76.7%
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	44.6	55.6	24.5%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms	39.0	68.0	74.2%
90183930	Cannulae	37.1	37.8	1.9%
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	44.0	47.1	6.9%
39011020	Low density polyethylene	58.0	49.7	-14.3%
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	43.0	36.9	-14.2%
96081019	Ball-point pens	32.3	39.0	20.9%
39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	25.3	42.4	67.7%
39072090	Polyethers in primary forms (excl. polyacetals): Other	36.7	18.8	-48.7%
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	27.0	47.1	74.3%
95030030	Toys of plastics	26.3	45.2	72.0%
39199090	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide: Other	36.7	36.9	0.5%
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	34.6	38.0	9.9%
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	30.3	39.0	28.7%
96032100	Tooth brushes, incl. dental-plate brushes	23.8	36.6	53.7%
59031090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride: Other	17.8	29.5	65.8%
39023000	Propylene copolymers, in primary forms	44.8	29.7	-33.8%
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation	27.0	30.9	14.6%
39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	20.4	26.4	29.5%

HS Code	Description	Apr 20 - Aug 20	Apr 21 - Aug 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	24.0	27.1	12.9%
39241010	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Insulated ware	13.8	29.1	111.0%
39129090	Cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms (excl. cellulose acetates, cellulose nitrates and cellulose ethers): Other	22.5	27.9	23.8%
39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	22.4	30.0	33.8%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	18.7	29.0	54.8%
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	18.4	30.0	63.0%
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	8.3	19.3	132.3%
39073010	Epoxy resins	13.6	47.5	248.6%
39011090	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0,94, in primary forms: Other	19.3	33.3	72.4%

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