

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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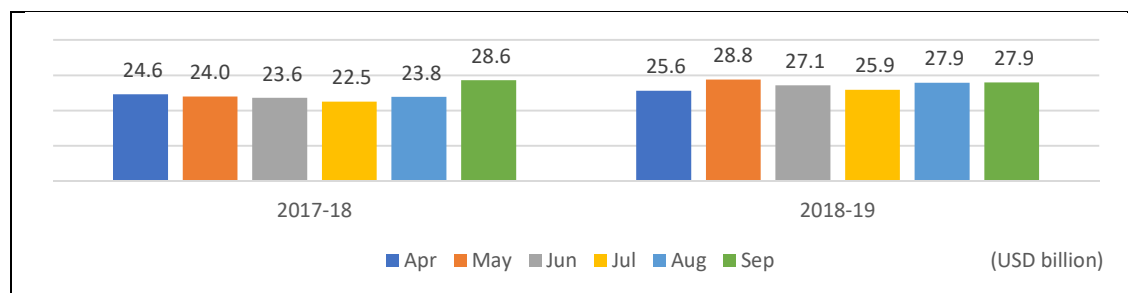
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 27.9 billion in September 2018, down 2.6% from USD 28.6 billion in September 2017. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 18 – September 18 was USD 163.2 billion as against USD 147.2 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a growth of 10.9%.

Exhibit 1: Trend in overall exports by India

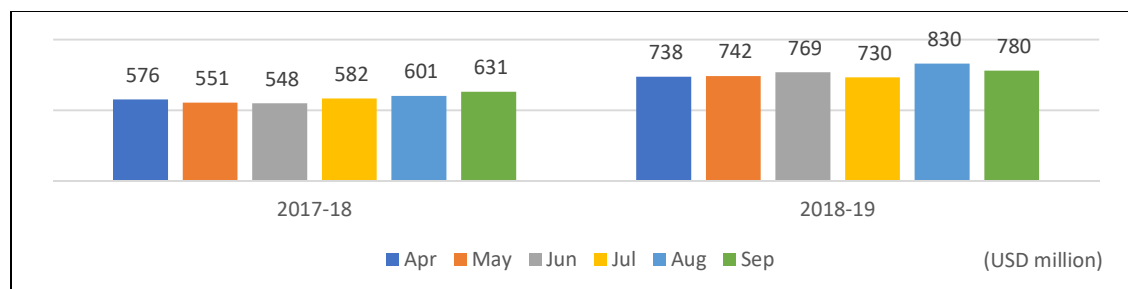


Source: DGCI&S

TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

Export of plastics from India continued to grow at a faster clip than the overall merchandise exports. During September 2018, India exported plastics worth USD 780 million, up 23.7% from USD 631 million in September 2017. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 18 – September 18 was USD 4,590 million as against USD 3,489 million during the same period last year, registering a staggering growth of 31.6%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



Source: DGCI&S

- Plastics formed 2.80% of India's overall merchandise exports in September 2018
- India exported plastics to 184 countries in September 2018
- China, United States, and United Arab Emirates were the top three buyers of plastics from India in September 2018

PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In September 2018, products grouped under plastic raw materials witnessed year-on-year growth of 53.2%; followed by moulded & extruded goods (+11.8%); packaging materials (+9.7%); plastic sheet, film, plates etc (+9.3%); and other plastic items (+0.3%).

Export of products grouped under human hair, products thereof; stationery/office/school supply; and optical items; registered declines of 26.6%, 12.8% and 8.0% respectively in September 2018.

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

Panel	Sep-17	Sep-18	Growth	Apr 17- Sep 17	Apr 18- Sep 18	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Plastic raw materials	252.78	387.32	53.2%	1,373.70	2,233.80	62.6%
Plastic sheet, film, plates etc	106.98	116.89	9.3%	595.12	732.29	23.1%
Moulded & extruded goods	89.86	100.46	11.8%	528.10	551.14	4.4%
Packaging materials	66.33	72.74	9.7%	353.72	417.93	18.2%
Optical items (incl. lens etc)	43.12	39.67	-8.0%	217.99	239.19	9.7%
Other plastic items	28.52	28.60	0.3%	176.90	183.22	3.6%
Human hair, products thereof	22.79	16.74	-26.6%	128.69	107.06	-16.8%
Stationery/Office/School Supply	20.55	17.93	-12.8%	114.72	125.27	9.2%
	630.93	780.35	23.7%	3,488.92	4,589.90	31.6%

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

Source: DGCI&S

PLASTICS EXPORT, BY REGION

India's plastics export in September 2018 were boosted by higher exports to North-East Asia (up 92.4% year-on-year), ASEAN + 2 (+48.6%), Commonwealth of Independent States (+43.6%), Africa (+18.2%), Middle East (+17.7%), North America (+14.9%), South Asia (+14.3%), and European Union (+4.8%).

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

Region	Sep-17	Sep-18	Growth	Apr 17- Sep 17	Apr 18- Sep 18	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
European Union (EU)	145.33	152.36	4.8%	797.20	918.51	15.2%
Middle East	93.15	109.63	17.7%	620.12	711.29	14.7%
North America	96.07	110.36	14.9%	512.68	618.46	20.6%
Africa	74.92	88.53	18.2%	438.94	569.20	29.7%
South Asia	57.96	66.26	14.3%	308.91	422.06	36.6%
North-East Asia	66.94	128.81	92.4%	300.03	658.57	119.5%
ASEAN + 2	48.42	71.95	48.6%	252.16	368.73	46.2%
Latin America & Caribbean (LAC)	38.39	38.69	0.8%	203.65	254.24	24.8%
CIS	7.46	10.71	43.6%	36.14	46.23	27.9%
Others	2.28	3.05	33.9%	19.08	22.61	18.5%
	630.93	780.35	23.7%	3,488.92	4,589.90	31.6%

Source: DGCI&S

PLASTICS EXPORT, BY DESTINATION COUNTRY

During September 2018, 18 out of the top 25 destination countries recorded year-on-year growth in plastics export from India. Exports to China, Vietnam and Israel witnessed high growth rates ranging between 80-120%, during the period.

Exhibit 5: Top 25 destinations of plastics exported by India

Country	Sep-17	Sep-18	Growth	Apr 17- Sep 17	Apr 18- Sep 18	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
United States	79.41	88.36	11.3%	428.59	500.15	16.7%
China	51.99	109.88	111.3%	228.39	538.03	135.6%
United Arab Emirates	28.58	36.24	26.8%	182.00	223.14	22.6%
Italy	29.94	26.80	-10.5%	168.71	187.63	11.2%
Turkey	22.60	16.40	-27.4%	146.87	146.92	0.0%
Germany	25.71	27.78	8.0%	139.58	162.54	16.4%
Bangladesh	19.59	22.99	17.4%	112.81	169.49	50.2%
United Kingdom	23.88	23.04	-3.5%	119.25	128.28	7.6%
Nepal	17.01	21.05	23.8%	88.10	111.96	27.1%
Vietnam	10.41	22.85	119.6%	56.40	105.58	87.2%
Egypt	9.58	14.14	47.6%	79.45	83.22	4.7%
France	10.89	16.21	48.8%	61.50	92.03	49.6%
Belgium	9.11	10.48	15.0%	62.73	66.80	6.5%
Pakistan	8.84	8.59	-2.8%	44.19	61.69	39.6%
Nigeria	11.54	11.98	3.8%	57.98	82.79	42.8%
Spain	9.72	11.92	22.6%	55.25	62.25	12.7%
Sri Lanka	10.06	11.12	10.5%	50.40	58.70	16.5%
Israel	8.24	14.86	80.4%	45.60	63.98	40.3%
South Africa	10.67	9.95	-6.8%	47.04	56.43	20.0%
Kenya	7.57	7.42	-2.1%	40.20	65.31	62.5%
Saudi Arabia	6.47	8.02	24.0%	51.98	46.17	-11.2%
Poland	11.38	8.05	-29.2%	48.69	45.80	-5.9%
Canada	8.89	9.61	8.1%	46.08	51.91	12.7%
Netherlands	7.22	7.81	8.1%	43.43	48.36	11.3%
Mexico	7.77	12.39	59.4%	38.00	66.39	74.7%

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

Source: DGCIS

India exported plastics to 184 countries in September 2018 as compared to 184 countries in September 2017. During September 2018, no plastics export were made from India to destination countries including Bahamas, Bermuda, French Polynesia, Guadeloupe, Macedonia, Martinique, Micronesia, Mongolia, Saint Vincent, and Swaziland. Plastics export from India to these countries were valued at USD 0.05 million in September 2017.

New destination countries added by India for plastics export during September 2018 included Antigua, Dominica, Gibraltar, Kiribati Republic, Marshall Island, Mayotte, Montenegro, Solomon Islands, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Vanuatu Republic. Plastics export from India to these countries were valued at USD 0.30 million in September 2018.

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

Panel	Country	Sep-17	Sep-18	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Plastic raw materials	China	33.75	96.88	187.0%
	Turkey	16.99	14.30	-15.8%
	Italy	20.42	19.24	-5.8%
	United Arab Emirates	11.63	17.49	50.4%
	Bangladesh	13.73	14.92	8.7%
Plastic sheet, film, plates etc	United States	18.37	20.65	12.4%
	Italy	4.24	2.50	-40.9%
	South Africa	5.56	5.95	7.0%
	Germany	4.96	6.43	29.6%
	United Arab Emirates	3.83	5.11	33.5%
Moulded & extruded goods	United States	22.81	22.75	-0.3%
	United Kingdom	5.54	4.60	-16.9%
	United Arab Emirates	4.22	6.27	48.7%
	Germany	4.64	4.70	1.4%
	Canada	3.24	5.32	64.1%
Packaging materials	United States	13.06	14.75	12.9%
	United Kingdom	5.43	6.49	19.4%
	United Arab Emirates	4.35	3.80	-12.6%
	Netherlands	2.72	2.58	-4.9%
	Germany	2.76	2.11	-23.4%
Optical items (incl. lens etc)	France	5.62	9.80	74.4%
	Germany	5.18	4.60	-11.0%
	United Kingdom	5.57	3.84	-31.0%
	Poland	4.11	1.64	-60.0%
	United States	2.81	0.92	-67.3%
Other plastic items	United States	4.34	6.29	44.9%
	United Arab Emirates	2.22	1.84	-16.9%
	Belgium	2.41	2.66	10.4%
	South Africa	0.55	0.48	-12.7%
	Ethiopia	1.88	0.04	-98.0%
Human hair, products thereof	China	12.71	6.74	-46.9%
	Myanmar	3.91	3.04	-22.2%
	United States	1.07	1.10	2.4%
	Tunisia	0.55	1.16	111.0%
	Italy	0.62	0.32	-48.7%
Stationery/Office/School Supply	United States	2.37	2.45	3.4%
	United Kingdom	1.65	1.15	-30.4%
	United Arab Emirates	0.79	0.85	7.6%
	Thailand	1.22	0.92	-24.3%
	Germany	0.79	0.37	-52.6%

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%
September	28.64	27.90	-2.6%
	147.24	163.23	10.9%

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%
September	630.93	780.35	23.7%
	3,488.92	4,589.90	31.6%

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