

1) Export/Import data for 10 years along with analysis of export trend

Export of products as under the purview of Plexconcil has grown from US\$ 3.75 billion in 2009-10 to US\$ 10.98 billion in 2018-19, witnessing a Compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 12.7%. The above growth has been possible mainly due to increase in export of below-mentioned products:

- Plastics raw materials (CAGR of 14.1%)
- Woven sacks and FIBC (22.9%)
- Packaging items, of plastics (14.8%)
- Optical items (13.5%)
- Laminates (15.9%)
- Self-adhesive sheets / films (18.3%)
- Travel ware, of plastics (18.4%)
- Nets and fishnets (18.5%)

	Export (US\$ Million)	Import (US\$ Million)
2009-10	3,751.80	6,275.84
2010-11	5,237.18	8,484.75
2011-12	7,191.60	9,668.35
2012-13	7,088.07	10,928.85
2013-14	7,916.95	11,466.33
2014-15	7,677.19	13,142.58
2015-16	7,636.79	12,869.95
2016-17	7,557.68	13,037.44
2017-18	8,850.18	16,015.92
2018-19	10,984.72	17,262.85

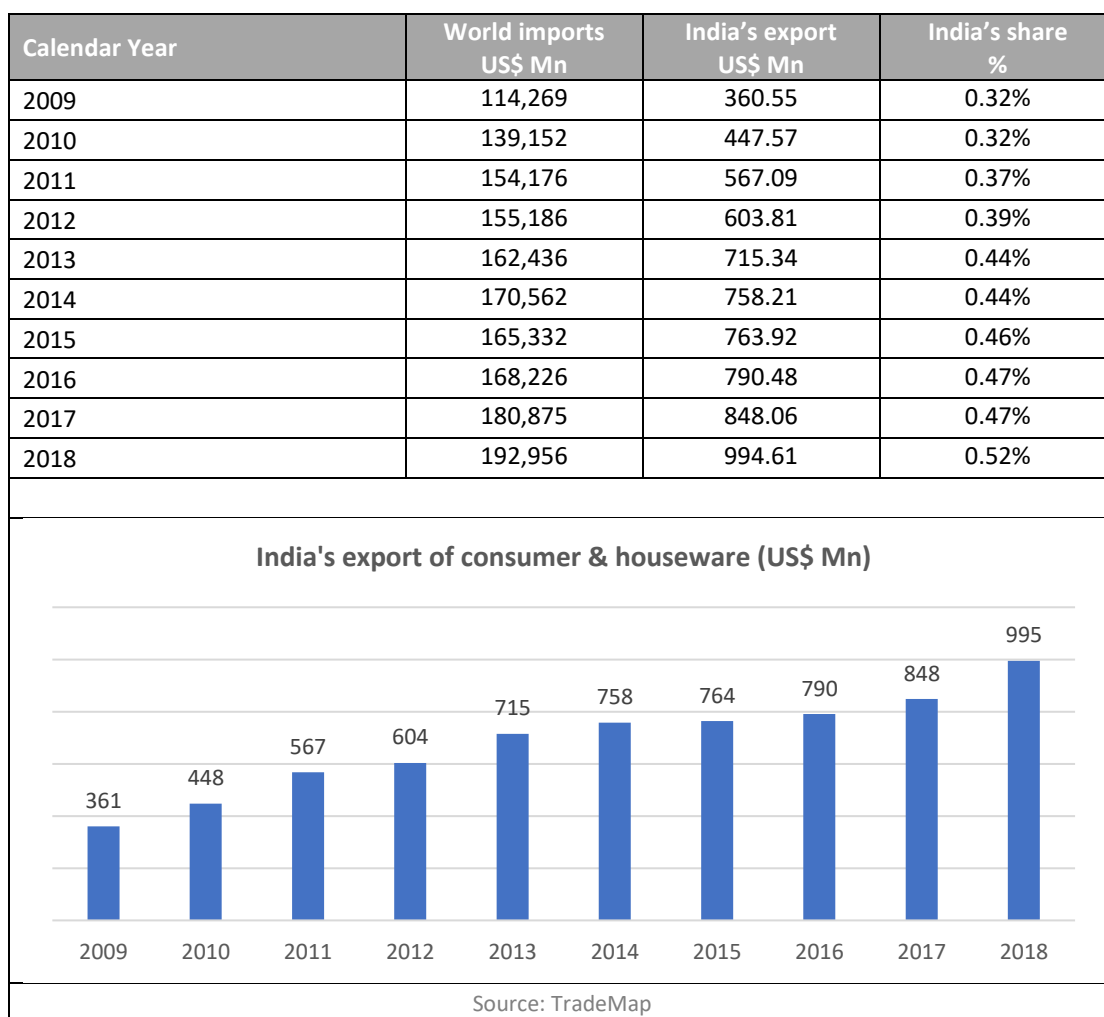
However, India is a net importer of plastics due to its reliance on import of plastics raw materials. In 2018-19, India imported plastics raw material worth US\$ 11.56 billion, representing 67% of its total plastics imports of US\$ 17.26 billion.

Consumer & houseware items of plastics

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of consumer & houseware items of plastics in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
United States	43,087	291.11	0.68%
Germany	14,455	135.88	0.94%
Japan	8,985	45.20	0.50%
United Kingdom	8,788	96.29	1.10%
France	8,615	57.85	0.67%

Overall growth in export of consumer & houseware items of plastics over the past 10 years.



The above data indicates that India's exports of consumer & houseware items of plastics has grown to US\$ 995 million in 2018 from US\$ 361 million in 2009, representing a CAGR of 11.9% over the said period. However, despite the growth registered, India still holds a mere 0.5% share in the world-wide import market of consumer & houseware items of plastics, indicating opportunity for further growth.

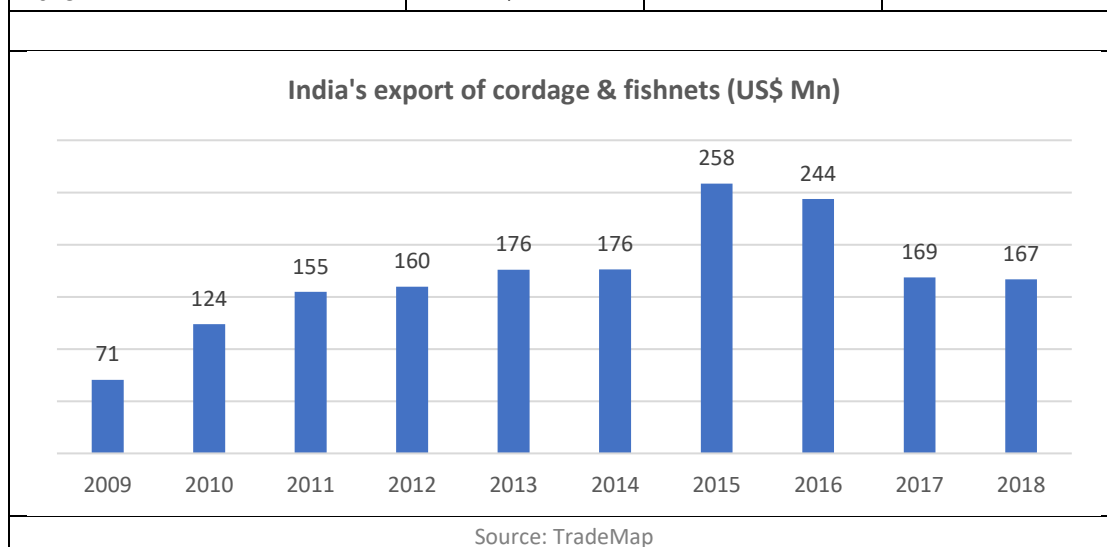
Cordage & fishnets

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of cordage & fishnets in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
United States	242	16.68	6.9%
Japan	167	0.78	0.5%
Viet Nam	146	0.35	0.2%
Germany	127	1.23	1.0%
South Korea	101	1.83	1.8%

Overall growth in export of cordage & fishnets over the past 10 years.

Calendar Year	World imports US\$ Mn	India's export US\$ Mn	India's share %
2009	1,629	70.59	4.3%
2010	1,853	123.85	6.7%
2011	2,147	154.66	7.2%
2012	2,168	159.82	7.4%
2013	2,227	175.97	7.9%
2014	2,401	176.34	7.3%
2015	2,328	258.33	11.1%
2016	2,293	243.66	10.6%
2017	2,544	168.59	6.6%
2018	2,822	166.76	5.9%



The above data indicates that India's exports of cordage & fishnets has grown to US\$ 167 million in 2018 from US\$ 71 million in 2007, representing a CAGR of 10.0% over the said period. India must seek ways to increase its share in the top-5 import destinations for these products, especially in Japan, Vietnam, and Germany.

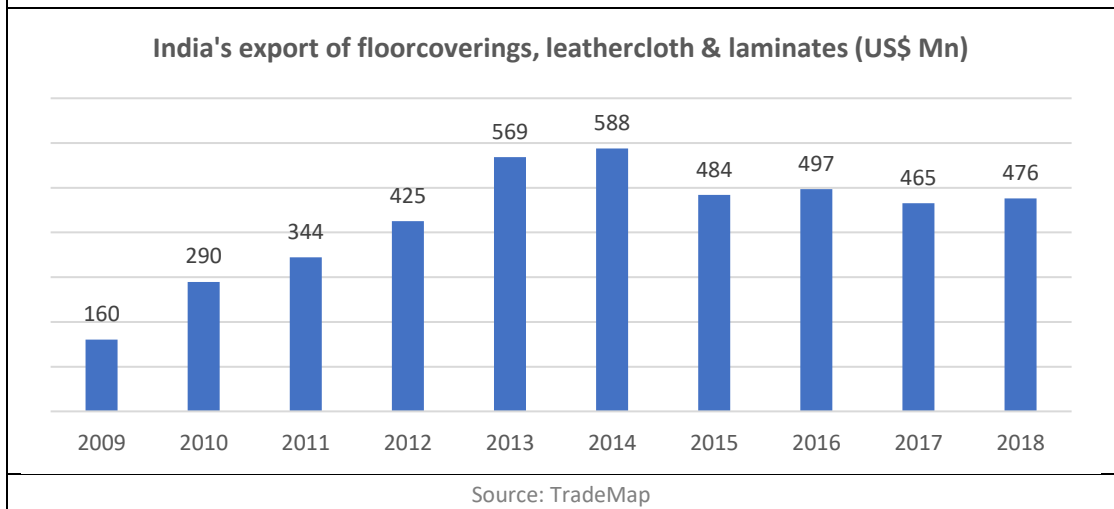
Floor coverings, leathercloth & laminates

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of floor coverings, leathercloth & laminates in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
United States	5,416	97.11	1.8%
Viet Nam	1,616	7.01	0.4%
Germany	1,302	5.12	0.4%
China	1,239	0.37	0.03%
Mexico	1,056	0.38	0.04%

Overall growth in export of floor coverings, leathercloth & laminates over the past 10 years.

Calendar Year	World imports US\$ Mn	India's export US\$ Mn	India's share %
2009	13,756	160.17	1.2%
2010	16,143	289.65	1.8%
2011	18,317	344.49	1.9%
2012	18,324	425.36	2.3%
2013	19,724	568.61	2.9%
2014	20,704	588.07	2.8%
2015	19,641	483.86	2.5%
2016	20,822	496.61	2.4%
2017	22,564	465.04	2.1%
2018	25,793	476.39	1.8%



The above data indicates that India's exports of floor coverings, leathercloth & laminates has grown to US\$ 476 million in 2018 from US\$ 160 million in 2009, representing a CAGR of 12.9% over the said period. India's overall share in the world-wide import market of floor coverings, leathercloth & laminates was 1.8% in 2018.

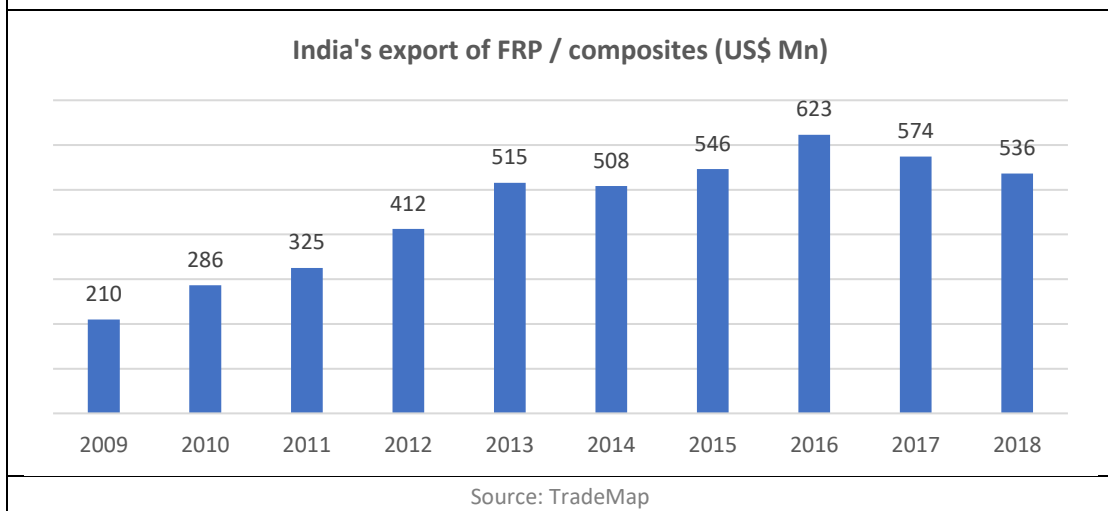
FRP products / Composites

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of FRP / Composites in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
United States	8,310	30.11	0.4%
Germany	5,294	39.07	0.7%
Mexico	4,391	15.07	0.3%
China	3,564	10.32	0.3%
France	2,922	7.04	0.2%

Overall growth in export of FRP / Composites over the past 10 years.

Calendar Year	World imports US\$ Mn	India's export US\$ Mn	India's share %
2009	35,105	209.59	0.6%
2010	43,298	286.30	0.7%
2011	48,157	325.33	0.7%
2012	49,152	412.11	0.8%
2013	52,521	515.36	1.0%
2014	55,533	508.34	0.9%
2015	53,278	546.19	1.0%
2016	55,405	622.85	1.1%
2017	61,158	574.39	0.9%
2018	65,327	536.12	0.8%



The above data indicates that India's exports of composites has grown to US\$ 536 million in 2018 from US\$ 210 million in 2009, representing a CAGR of 11.0% over the said period. India's overall share in the world-wide import market of composites stood at 0.8% in 2018.

Human hair & related products

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of human hair and related products in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
United States	1,550	13.62	0.9%
China	220	133.13	60.5%
United Kingdom	141	1.79	1.3%
Japan	122	0.01	0.01%
Hong Kong	113	5.33	4.7%

Overall growth in export of human hair & related products over the past 10 years.

Calendar Year	World imports US\$ Mn	India's export US\$ Mn	India's share %
2009	1,881	200.09	10.6%
2010	2,284	238.95	10.5%
2011	2,745	368.48	13.4%
2012	2,825	363.30	12.9%
2013	2,839	437.40	15.4%
2014	2,959	342.33	11.6%
2015	3,045	322.18	10.6%
2016	2,915	298.23	10.2%
2017	2,998	271.87	9.1%
2018	3,542	248.33	7.0%



The above data indicates that India's export of human hair & related products has grown to US\$ 248 million in 2018 from US\$ 200 million in 2009, representing a CAGR of 2.4% over the said period. The decline in exports since 2013 onwards is a worry and the council has made several representations to highlight the problems being faced by exporters of human hair. India's share in the world-wide import market of human hair & related products was 7.0% in 2018.

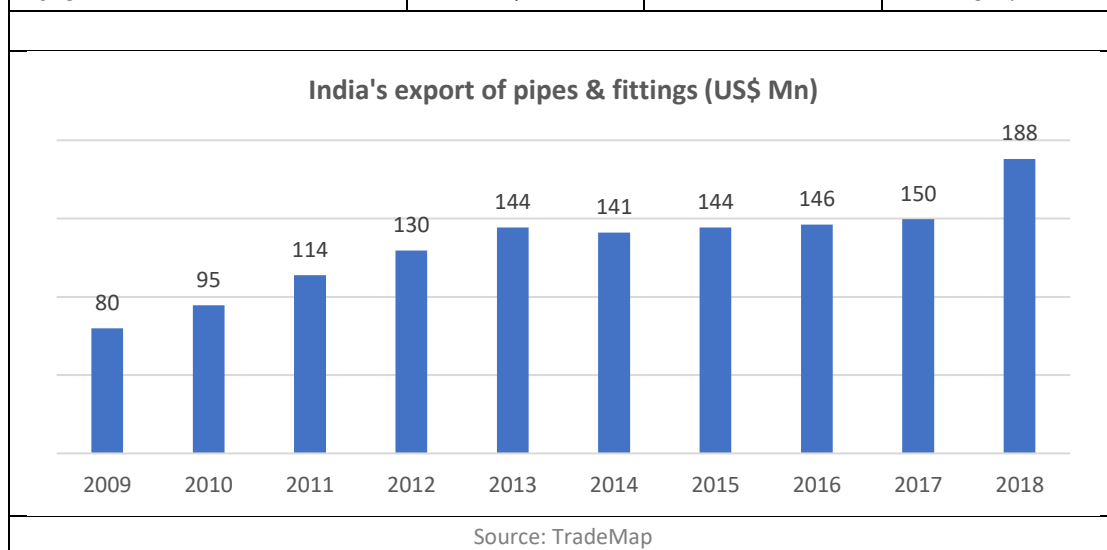
Pipes & fittings, of plastics

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of pipes and fittings of plastics in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
United States	2,696	20.07	0.7%
Germany	1,974	7.13	0.4%
Mexico	1,480	3.39	0.2%
France	1,270	5.54	0.4%
China	1,270	4.57	0.4%

Overall growth in export of pipes & fittings, of plastics, over the past 10 years.

Calendar Year	World imports US\$ Mn	India's export US\$ Mn	India's share %
2009	15,869	79.89	0.5%
2010	17,659	94.58	0.5%
2011	20,927	113.91	0.5%
2012	21,544	129.52	0.6%
2013	23,257	144.38	0.6%
2014	23,680	141.06	0.6%
2015	21,890	144.27	0.7%
2016	21,746	146.13	0.7%
2017	24,017	149.60	0.6%
2018	26,370	188.12	0.7%



The above data indicates that India's exports of pipes & fittings, of plastics, has grown to US\$ 188 million in 2018 from US\$ 80 million in 2009, representing a CAGR of 10.0% over the said period. India's overall share in the world-wide import market of pipes & fittings remains between 0.6-0.7%.

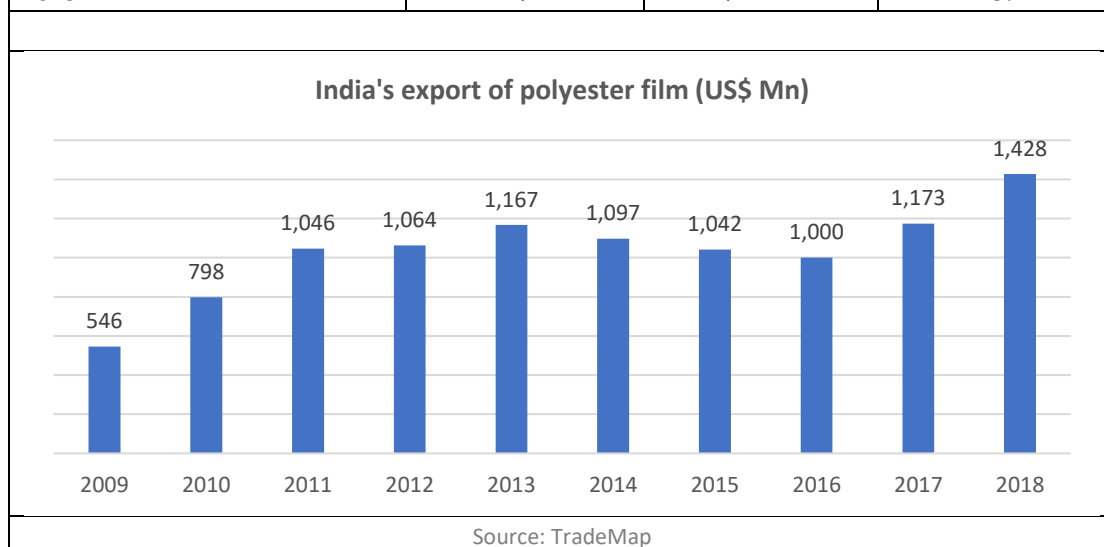
Polyester films

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of polyester films in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
China	11,631	42.70	0.4%
United States	8,905	210.10	2.4%
Germany	6,958	78.27	1.1%
Mexico	5,302	72.07	1.4%
France	4,796	19.84	0.4%

Overall growth in export of polyester films over the past 10 years.

Calendar Year	World imports US\$ Mn	India's export US\$ Mn	India's share %
2009	68,955	546.27	0.8%
2010	86,271	797.96	0.9%
2011	99,908	1,045.87	1.0%
2012	97,451	1,063.57	1.1%
2013	102,247	1,167.23	1.1%
2014	104,762	1,097.16	1.0%
2015	96,894	1,041.63	1.1%
2016	96,395	999.98	1.0%
2017	104,467	1,173.42	1.1%
2018	111,183	1,427.60	1.3%



The above data indicates that India's export of polyester films has grown to US\$ 1,428 million in 2018 from US\$ 546 million in 2009, representing a CAGR of 11.3% over the said period. India's exports of polyester films have hit an all-time high and its share in the world-wide import market of this product was 1.3% in 2018.

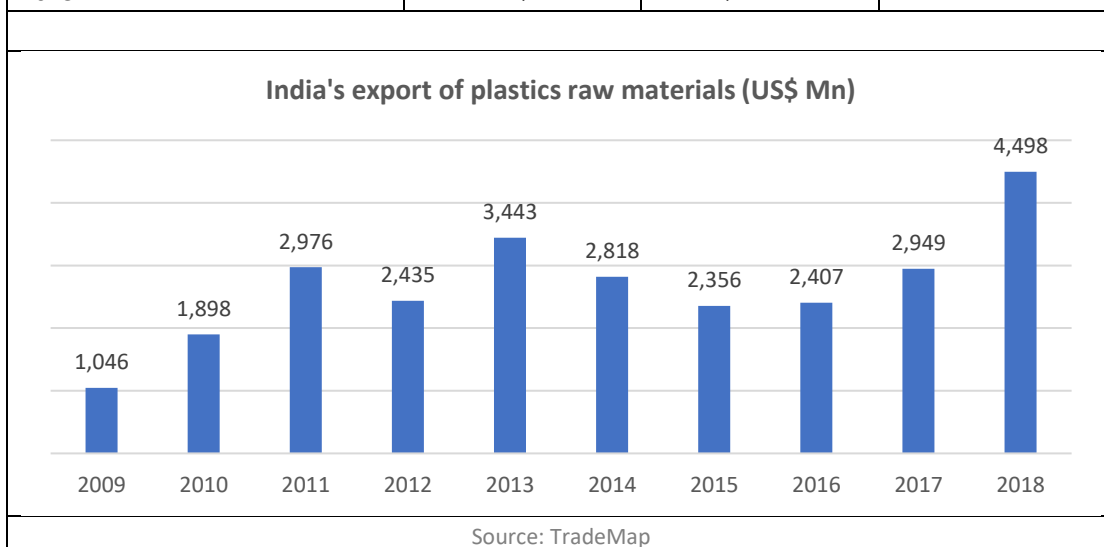
Plastics raw materials

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of plastics raw materials in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
China	56,413	961.80	1.7%
Germany	21,829	102.61	0.5%
United States	18,305	192.86	1.1%
Italy	13,948	252.30	1.8%
Belgium	12,121	31.32	0.3%

Overall growth in export of plastics raw materials over the past 10 years.

Calendar Year	World imports US\$ Mn	India's export US\$ Mn	India's share %
2009	200,513	1,045.55	0.5%
2010	262,823	1,898.26	0.7%
2011	310,308	2,976.10	1.0%
2012	302,022	2,434.63	0.8%
2013	316,040	3,442.89	1.1%
2014	329,956	2,818.42	0.9%
2015	284,902	2,356.22	0.8%
2016	272,978	2,407.24	0.9%
2017	307,250	2,949.25	1.0%
2018	339,754	4,498.11	1.3%



The above data indicates that India's exports of plastics raw materials has grown to US\$ 4,498 million in 2018 from US\$ 1,046 million in 2009, representing a CAGR of 17.6% over the said period. Despite the growth registered, India's share in the world-wide import market of plastics raw materials stood at 1.3% in 2018.

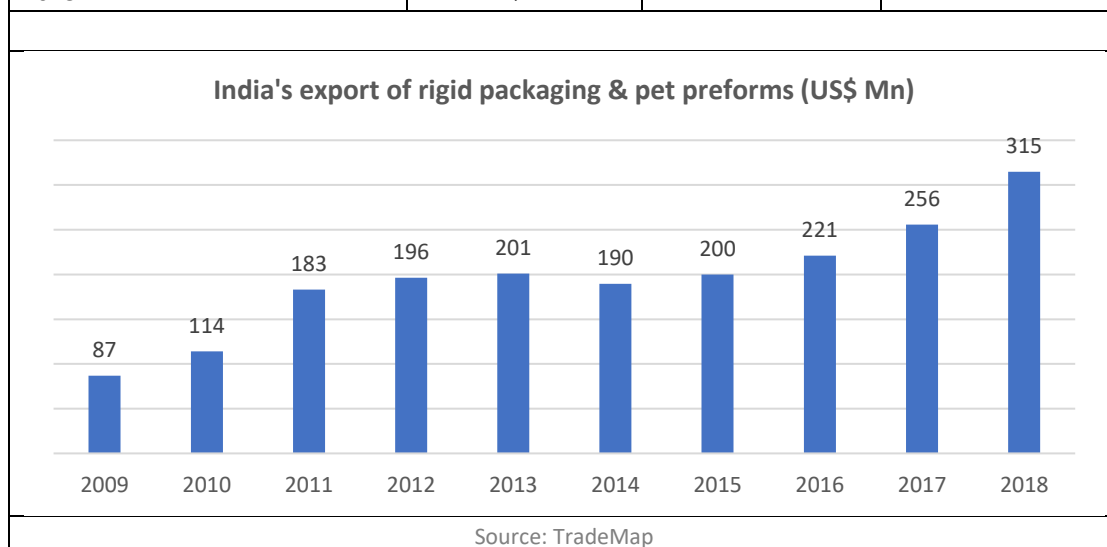
Rigid packaging & PET preforms

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of rigid packaging & pet preforms in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
United States	5,190	35.24	0.7%
Germany	2,838	3.41	0.1%
France	2,374	4.51	0.2%
Mexico	2,270	0.77	0.03%
Canada	1,823	3.52	0.2%

Overall growth in export of rigid packaging & pet preforms over the past 10 years.

Calendar Year	World imports US\$ Mn	India's export US\$ Mn	India's share %
2009	25,759	86.92	0.3%
2010	28,909	114.16	0.4%
2011	32,818	183.14	0.6%
2012	33,086	196.35	0.6%
2013	35,226	200.97	0.6%
2014	36,318	189.58	0.5%
2015	33,867	199.77	0.6%
2016	34,470	221.12	0.6%
2017	36,469	255.76	0.7%
2018	40,136	314.82	0.8%



The above data indicates that India's exports of rigid packaging & PET preforms has grown to US\$ 315 million in 2018 from US\$ 87 million in 2009, representing a CAGR of 15.4% over the said period. However, despite the growth registered, India still holds a mere 0.8% share in the world-wide import market of rigid packaging & PET preforms.

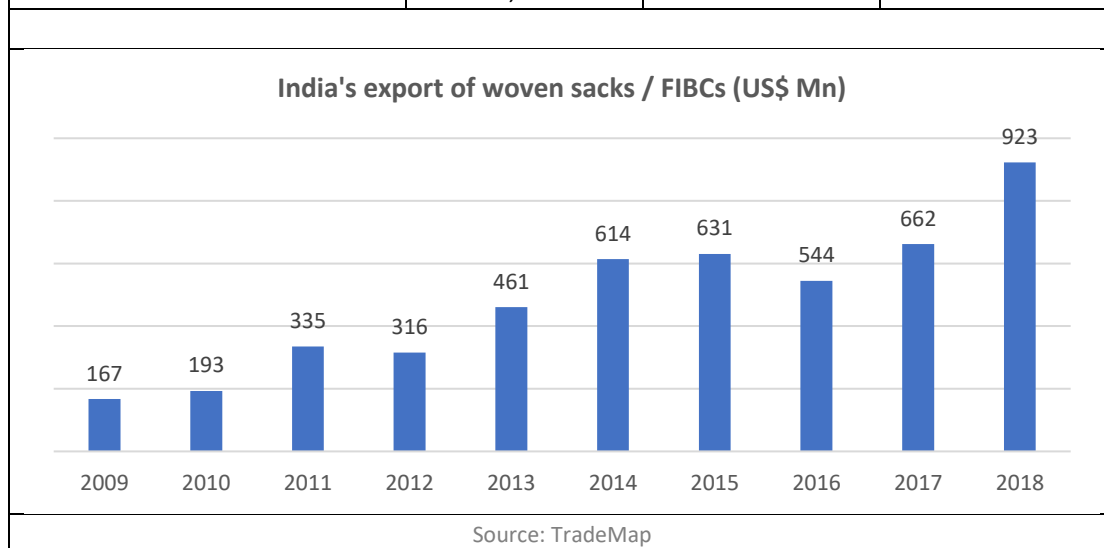
Woven sacks / FIBCs

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of woven sacks and FIBC in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
United States	972	340.40	35.0%
Japan	457	0.78	0.2%
Germany	312	91.66	29.4%
South Korea	264	1.20	0.5%
Netherlands	264	57.04	21.6%

Overall growth in export of woven sacks / FIBCs over the past 10 years.

Calendar Year	World imports US\$ Mn	India's export US\$ Mn	India's share %
2009	2,745	167.47	6.1%
2010	3,492	193.22	5.5%
2011	4,360	334.94	7.7%
2012	4,342	315.62	7.3%
2013	4,665	460.52	9.9%
2014	5,008	613.96	12.3%
2015	4,768	630.74	13.2%
2016	4,518	544.45	12.1%
2017	5,027	661.93	13.2%
2018	5,510	922.98	16.8%



The above data clearly indicates that India's exports of woven sacks and FIBCs has grown to US\$ 923 million in 2018 from US\$ 167 million in 2009, representing a CAGR of 20.9% over the said period. Accordingly, India now holds a formidable 16.8% share in the world-wide import market of woven sacks and FIBCs. India's dominance is also visible through its share in the top-5 import markets for woven sacks and FIBCs, especially USA, Germany and Netherlands.

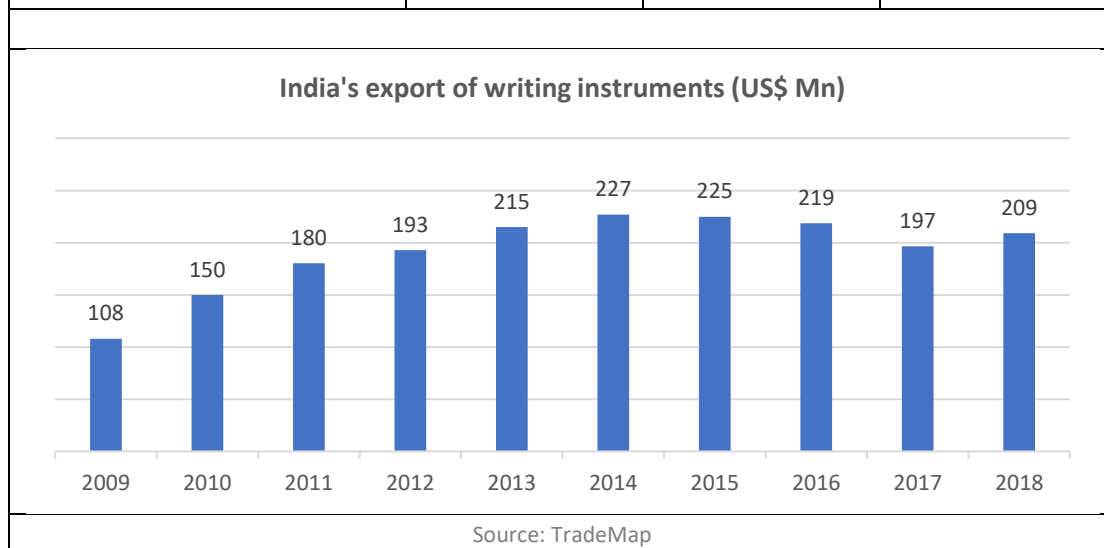
Writing instruments

Provided below are the top-5 importing countries of writing instruments in the world, and India's share in these markets.

Top importing countries in 2018	World imports US\$ Mn	Import from India US\$ Mn	India's share %
United States	1,102	42.56	3.9%
France	394	6.24	1.6%
Germany	366	6.85	1.9%
Mexico	304	13.64	4.5%
United Kingdom	276	3.75	1.4%

Overall growth in export of writing instruments over the past 10 years.

Calendar Year	World imports US\$ Mn	India's export US\$ Mn	India's share %
2009	4,195	108.02	2.6%
2010	4,921	149.78	3.0%
2011	5,347	180.33	3.4%
2012	5,499	192.86	3.5%
2013	5,529	214.84	3.9%
2014	5,734	226.95	4.0%
2015	5,560	224.85	4.0%
2016	5,903	218.53	3.7%
2017	6,154	196.56	3.2%
2018	6,336	209.06	3.3%



The above data clearly indicates that India's exports of writing instruments has grown to US\$ 209 million in 2018 from US\$ 108 million in 2009, representing a CAGR of 7.6% over the said period. India's share in the world-wide import market of writing instruments was 3.3% in 2018.

2) Major 20 Countries of export / import

Mentioned below are the top-20 destination countries for the export of all products from India, as under the purview of Plexconcil, during 2018-19.

Rank	Country	Export (US\$ Million)
1	United States	1,314.03
2	China	1,281.65
3	United Arab Emirates	579.51
4	Italy	451.41
5	Germany	407.14
6	United Kingdom	370.70
7	Bangladesh	323.07
8	Turkey	285.42
9	Nepal	261.80
10	France	233.13

11	Viet Nam	202.14
12	Indonesia	190.03
13	Belgium	188.86
14	Egypt	163.47
15	Japan	149.56
16	Israel	148.46
17	Nigeria	147.29
18	South Africa	142.73
19	Mexico	140.37
20	Kenya	132.95

Mentioned below are the top-20 source countries for the import of products as under the purview of Plexconcil, during 2018-19.

Rank	Country	Import (US\$ Million)
1	China	3,657.76
2	South Korea	1,861.54
3	Singapore	1,244.09
4	United States	1,091.53
5	United Arab Emirates	1,021.44
6	Japan	983.74
7	Thailand	978.00
8	Taiwan	856.22
9	Saudi Arabia	675.71
10	Germany	671.17
11	Belgium	391.80
12	Netherland	335.57
13	Hong Kong	270.57
14	Italy	267.34
15	Qatar	266.38
16	Malaysia	210.65
17	France	173.46
18	Russia	152.21
19	United Kingdom	144.38
20	Viet Nam	134.41

3) List of Product Panels & membership based for each panel region-wise

The council as of 31st March, 2019 is having 2,377 members.

Panel List	Members	West	North	East	South
Consumer & Houseware	281	203	26	12	40
Cordage & Fishnets	107	54	1	3	49
FRP Products / Composites	57	28	6	3	20
Floor Coverings, Leathercloth & Laminates	94	49	34	5	6
Human Hair & Related Products	72	1	15	28	28
Miscellaneous Products	550	285	109	52	104
Pipes & Fittings	147	88	33	5	21
Polyester Films	175	99	37	2	37
Plastics Raw Materials	250	123	64	27	36
Rigid Packaging & PET Preforms	269	158	49	10	52
Woven Sacks and FIBCs	299	194	40	27	38
Writing Instruments	76	51	4	16	5
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4) Export strategy prepared by the Council

Plexconcil has been determined to increase plastics exports to not just existing markets, but to also new and emerging markets. Towards this end, the council is / shall be facilitating measures in the form of trade fairs, overseas delegations / BSMs, RBSMs, information dissemination to members and interfacing with concerned Government Ministries, Departments and agencies.

Major forthcoming trade shows in 2019-20, where the council has planned Indian participation are:

Event	Country	Period
K Fair	Germany	October 2019
Vietnam Plas	Vietnam	October 2019
Trade delegation	United States	October 2019
Plast Eurasia	Turkey	December 2019
Interplastica	Russia	February 2020
International Home Houseware Show	United States	March 2020
JEC World	France	March 2020
Complast South Africa	South Africa	March 2020

The council has already facilitated Indian participation at six exhibitions:

- Plexconcil facilitated participation of 15 Indian companies at **CHINAPLAS 2019**, held in China. This event is recognized as Asia's No.1 and World's No.2 largest showcase for the Plastic and Rubber sectors. Shri. Sujit Ghosh, Consul General of India, Guangzhou, PR of China & Shri. Aniket Patankar, Consul (Pol. & Com. & Tourism) visited the show and interacted with the Indian participants.
- Plexconcil facilitated participation of 14 Indian companies at **PLASTIMAGEN 2019**, held in Mexico. H.E. Shri Muktesh Pardeshi, Ambassador of India to Mexico, visited the show and interacted with the Indian participants.
- Plexconcil facilitated participation of 9 Indian companies at **FEIPLASTIC 2019** held in Brazil. Shri. A K Chaudhary, Acting CG and Consul (Cons.), and Shri. Digvijay Nath, Consul (Com) & HOC, Consulate General of India, São Paulo, Brazil, visited the show and interacted with the Indian participants.
- Plexconcil facilitated participation of 7 Indian companies at **PLASTPOL 2019**, held in Poland. This event is one of the largest exhibitions in Poland and Eastern Europe dedicated to the plastics industry and attracts almost all the leading companies operating in plastics processing.
- Plexconcil facilitated participation of 27 Indian companies at **COMPLAST MYANMAR 2019**, held in Myanmar. Dr. Sumit Seth, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Yangon, visited the show and interacted with the Indian participants.
- Plexconcil facilitated participation of 27 Indian companies at **COMPLAST SRI LANKA 2019**, held in Colombo. H.E. Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, visited the show and interacted with the Indian participants.

The council has also planned a trade delegation of 20 major plastics exporters in October 2019 who have the manufacturing capacity and desired quality certifications to meet the demand of United States buyers.

The council shall also be holding 5th edition of CAPINDIA show at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai in December 2019. Jointly organized by Plexconcil, Chemexcil, Capexil & Shefexil, CAPINDIA will be a 3-day exhibition that shall be spread over 10,000 sq. mt. and host 500+ manufacturers/exporters, who will showcase hundreds of products to 400+ overseas buyers from 35 countries a range of Plastics, Consumer Items, Packaging Items, Plastics Processing Machinery, Chemicals, Dyes, Intermediates, Industrial & Agricultural Raw Materials, Construction Materials, Mining & Mineral Products, Shellac, Forest and allied products amongst others.

5) Issues hampering the growth of export of plastics

Related to Inverted duty structure

- PVC Resin (3904), a key raw material for plastics, has an import duty of 10%, whereas finished goods of the same product i.e. PVC Sheets (3920 & 3921) is also attracting 10% import duty. Since both the duties are same, import of finished products becomes economical and hurts the domestic manufacturers of finished products. Under ASEAN FTA, these finished goods can be imported at just 5% import duty resulting in inverted duty structure.
- Polyester yarn (5402), a key raw material for making ropes and nets of plastics attracts import duty of 46% (including anti-dumping duty), whereas its finished goods in the form of Ropes (5607), Nets (5608) attracts an import duty of 24.32%, which is lower than the duty applicable on raw materials, resulting in inverted duty structure.
- Inverted duty structure due to 10% import duty on titanium dioxide (raw material) and 7.5% on white master batch (finished product). This anomaly may please be rectified.
- Our existing FTA with ASEAN has resulted in an inverted duty structure in case of PET Films, falling under HS Codes 39206210 & 39206290, where import duty has been reduced to 0%, while the import duty on the main raw material for its manufacture i.e. PTA (HS Code 29173600) is 5% under the FTA. In this regard, a case was presented by M/s Jindal Polyfilms Limited wherein they mentioned that India is making huge imports of BOPET from Thailand, available at 0% import duty wef 1st January 2018. As a result of this, there is a situation of inverted duty in case of import of BOPET and that of raw material required to manufacture it, from Thailand.

Smuggling and under invoicing of human hair

- As per the Human Hair Association, exports of human hair from India are being hurt due to rampant smuggling of these products through North East border of the country. Moreover, there is huge under invoicing of human hair exports by unscrupulous traders based in India.
- Being labour intensive, the human hair industry has also sought support for technology upgradation so as to move up the value chain and make value added human hair products like wigs, beards, eyebrows, eyelashes etc.

Withdrawal of MEIS benefits to FIBC exporters

- FIBC (630532) industry was enjoying 4% benefit under MEIS but with effect from 1 August 2019, MEIS benefit of 2% has been withdrawn from FIBC. Moreover, when the

ROSCTL scheme was introduced on 7th March 2019, FIBC was not given any benefit under the scheme.

- With the gradual withdrawal of MEIS benefits and with the implementation of the new ROSCTL scheme, the FIBC Industry may be put under a big disadvantage as it is envisaged that when the MEIS will be completely withdrawn the FIBC industry will not get the 2% which it is currently getting. And will also not get any relief under new ROSCTL scheme. Therefore, the Department is requested to grant 4% benefit to FIBC industry under new ROSCTL scheme.

Inverted rate of tax under GST

- Polypropylene Multifilament Yarn which falls under HS code 54024800 and 54025300, currently has a GST rate of 12%. The basic raw material, which is required for the manufacture of this product is Polypropylene Granules, falling under HS code 39021000. The rate of GST on Polypropylene Granules is 18%. This has resulted in an inverted rate of tax under GST, wherein the raw material i.e. Polypropylene Granules, have a higher rate of GST, as compared to the finished product i.e. Polypropylene Multifilament Yarn.

Pre-import conditions for IGST refund under AA/EPCG with retrospective effect:

- Due to non-removal of the pre-import condition with retrospective effect, there are some issues which are being faced by member exporter even after the relaxation as per DGFT notification no. 5312015-20 dated 10/01/2019 since these notifications are applicable on prospective basis which means that for imports made under the Advance Authorizations effective from 10 Jan 2019, the pre-import condition shall not apply. However, this would not provide relief to member-exporters who have imported between 13 Oct 2017 and 9 Jan 2019 and have even made the requisite payment of IGST and compensation Cess.

Shortage of PVC Resin & Polymers in India making exports uncompetitive:

- PVC finds use in agriculture (rigid pipes and fittings, flexible tubes, hoses); building and construction (doors, windows, partitions/floor/wall coverings); packaging (bottles and containers, blister packaging); electrical and electronics (wires, cables, electrical conduits); health care (blood bags, tubing, heart catheters, IV fluid bags); & consumer goods (toys, sports goods, footwear). India has PVC manufacturing capacity of 1.5 million tonnes per annum, which is way below the annual demand of 3.3 million tonnes in the country. As a result, a significant amount of PVC is imported to meet the shortfall. Custom duty was increased from 7.5% to 10% in the recent budget and a high ADD is still in force from last 10 years, making the raw material expensive and thereby making exports of above articles uncompetitive.
- The issue can be overcome by allowing import of neat & clean PVC Industrial surplus like side trimmings, machine purges like lumps & powders. Presently the customs classify it as PVC Scrap and do not allow import whereas these are not scrap and directly usable by processors in their production process. Producers of PVC floorings should be allowed to import on actual user basis such industrial surplus for captive use.

Proposal of DCPC to make mandatory import of BIS Marked goods:

- Plastic raw materials, like PVC resin and other Polyethylenes are in short supply in India and have to be necessarily imported in India to meet demand by domestic factories for their production for local as well as export markets. Also, various types of Off Grade Polymers are imported along with Virgin Grades which are necessary to fight competition with cheap imports of finished both in local & export market. DCPC should be requested to make standards in consultation with domestic user industry as it will be in the interest of polymer producers to create barriers in imports which will help them increase profits and will lead to killing the MSME based plastic processing industry.
- If BIS marking is done on import of finished goods it will ensure a reasonable quality of products to domestic consumers and will also curtail import of “Non-Essential Goods”.

Problems faced in exports to neighbouring countries & due to changes in HS Codes.

- India’s masterbatches exports to Bangladesh have been hurt as the HS code of Masterbatch in Bangladesh has been changed due to which the product is now attracting a higher import duty of 15% in comparison to 5% previously. HS code for all masterbatches in Bangladesh stands changed to 32061920 with effect from June 2018. Prior to that they had several HS Codes which were: 32061990, 32064900, 32061910 and 32041900.
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Logistics issues in the North East Region

- Plastics exporters based in the North East Region face problems like poor road, and lack of proper rail and port infrastructure. Due to this, big containers cannot travel to the factory gate due to which exporters are unable to do factory stuffing. Moreover, the frequency of CONCOR rakes in the North East Region is irregular. The existing infrastructure at the ICD Amingaon (Guwahati) is inadequate and there is always a scarcity of empty containers and handling equipment at the said depot. Due to these infrastructural bottlenecks, the transaction cost for an exporter from this region increases resulting in competitiveness in the Export market.

Shipping

- All shipping issues related to and from India should be addressed by Indian courts or DG Shipping as exporters find it difficult to fight cases in Singapore or any other country. There have been cases where the shipping companies have blatantly disregarded the order of DG Shipping and asked the shipper to come and fight in Singapore court.

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7) MAI grant given to the Council in last five years

	Rs in lakhs
2014-15	571.34
2015-16	591.21
2016-17	501.71
2017-18	896.37
2018-19	453.15

8) Brief on CAPINDIA since 2016 detailing number of the exhibitors / buyers along with funding provided and actual achievement

Year	Exhibitors	Buyers	Approved Funding	Utilized
2016	262	105	3,50,00,000	1,48,98,190
2017	356	190	3,50,00,000	2,37,00,000
2018	584	250	4,50,00,000	Pending with E&MDA

2019	496	325	4,00,00,000	Pending with E&MDA
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9) Events done by EPCs month-wise

July, 2019

- Conducted Export Awareness Seminar, in association with Directorate of Export Promotion & Marketing, Government of Odisha, ECGC, and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, at Bhubaneswar.
- Conducted Export Awareness Seminar, in association with Karnataka State Plastics Association, Office of the Addl. Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Development Institute of Bangalore, Ministry of MSME, ECGC and CIPET, at Bengaluru.
- Conducted Export Awareness Seminar, in association with Ministry of MSME and ECGC, at Jaipur.
- Conducted Export Awareness Seminar, in association with Karnataka State Plastic Association, during IPLEX 2019 roadshow at Chennai.
- Participated at COMPACK-WOPS World of Products (Plastics + Rubber) and Packaging Expo 2019 in Chennai.

June, 2019

- Conducted Export Awareness Seminar, in association with Ministry of MSME, Government of India, ECGC Ltd., and GSPMA, at Ahmedabad.
- Facilitated participation of 27 Indian companies at COMPLAST MYANMAR 2019, held in Myanmar. Dr. Sumit Seth, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Yangon, visited the show and interacted with the Indian participants.

May, 2019

- Facilitated participation of 15 Indian companies at CHINAPLAS 2019, held in China. This event is recognized as Asia's No.1 and World's No.2 largest showcase for the Plastic and Rubber sectors. Shri. Sujit Ghosh, Consul General of India, Guangzhou, PR of China & Shri. Aniket Patankar, Consul (Pol. & Com. & Tourism) visited the show and interacted with the Indian participants.
- Facilitated participation of 7 Indian companies at PLASTPOL 2019, held in Poland. This event is one of the largest exhibitions in Poland and Eastern Europe dedicated to the plastics industry and attracts almost all the leading companies operating in plastics processing.

April, 2019

- Facilitated participation of 14 Indian companies at PLASTIMAGEN 2019, held in Mexico. H.E. Shri Muktesh Pardeshi, Ambassador of India to Mexico, visited the show and interacted with the Indian participants.
- Facilitated participation of 9 Indian companies at FEIPLASTIC 2019 held in Brazil. Shri. A K Chaudhary, Acting CG and Consul (Cons.), and Shri. Digvijay Nath, Consul (Com) & HOC, Consulate General of India, São Paulo, Brazil, visited the show and interacted with the Indian participants.

10) Inputs given by council regarding FTAs to different Division of DoC

The following inputs were furnished by Plexconcil on FTAs to various Divisions of DOC, over the past year or so:

India-ASEAN:

- Import of PVC floorcovering (3918) from Vietnam attracts only 5% import duty under AIFTA in India whereas import of Indian floor coverings by Vietnam are assessed at MFN rate of 27%. Chinese origin & PVC Floorings from ASEAN region in Vietnam attract NIL custom duty making imports from India unviable. Similar is the case with other ASEAN countries like Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, etc. If India has offered a preferential import duty under FTA for imports of a certain product, it should ensure preferential import duty for that export product with the partner country.
- Indian exporters of pens and nibs to Vietnam & Indonesia are facing high import duties. In case of export of ball point pen (960810) from India to Vietnam & Indonesia attracts 25%, 10% import duty respectively (without submission of AI form). However, as per their customers' importing the same from China attracts 0% import duty against certificate of origin under FTA between them. Whereas our AI form enables their Vietnam & Indonesian customers to take delivery of goods at reduced rate of 15% & 5% respectively.
- Our existing FTA with ASEAN has resulted in an inverted duty structure in case of PET films (39206210 & 39206290), where import duty has been reduced to 0%, while the import duty on the main raw material for its manufacture i.e. PTA (29173600) is 5% under the FTA.

South Asia Free Trade Agreement or SAFTA:

- India's masterbatches exports to Bangladesh have been hurt as the HS code of Masterbatch in Bangladesh has been changed due to which the product is now attracting a higher import duty of 15% in comparison to 5% previously. HS code for all masterbatches in Bangladesh stands changed to 32061920 with effect from June 2018. Prior to that they had several HS Codes which were: 32061990, 32064900, 32061910 and 32041900.
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India – MERCOSUR:

- Higher duties applicable on Made up fishing nets, of man-made textile materials (560811) and Knotted nets of twine/cordage/rope, and other made up nets of man-made textile material (560819) in Mercosur countries on Indian products.

India – Chile:

- Higher duties applicable on Made up fishing nets, of man-made textile materials (560811) and Knotted nets of twine/cordage/rope, and other made up nets of man-made textile material (560819) in Chile on Indian products.