

Amaplast: machine exports fell in 2025

Exports of Italian machinery dipped in the first nine months of 2025.

Industry body Amaplast said that foreign sales fell 6% compared to the same period in 2024.

There was a fall in sales to all geographic areas other than Asia – thanks to a 22% increase to China and a 53% increase to India.

However, sales to Europe saw a dip of seven percentage points, while those to North America were variable – up 5% to the US, but down 41% to Mexico. In South America, sales to Brazil fell 37%, but rose by 61% to Argentina and 75% to Chile.

In Africa, sales to Egypt rose 19%,

exports to Kenya and Nigeria had a “positive third quarter” but South Africa’s purchases dropped by half.

The “positive performance” of the domestic market – which saw imports grow by sixteen points – was not enough to balance out falling exports, said Amaplast.

“Though the full-year forecast for the domestic market is positive, Italian manufacturers are concerned about the geopolitical situation, especially the climate of uncertainty that obliges companies to move cautiously in planning investments,” said Massimo Margaglione, president of Amaplast.

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IMAGE: SHUTTERSTOCK

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The US-based Flexible Film Recycling Alliance (FFRA) – funded by the Plastics Industry Association – has released its first Impact Report, outlining its progress toward scaling flexible film collection and recycling systems.

FFRA says that around 5.3 million tonnes of flexible films and packaging could be recycled using existing technology and systems – but the actual figure is around one-tenth of that (0.5m tonnes).

FFRA plans to raise recycling rates, expand access and improve education

to expand and scale film recycling.

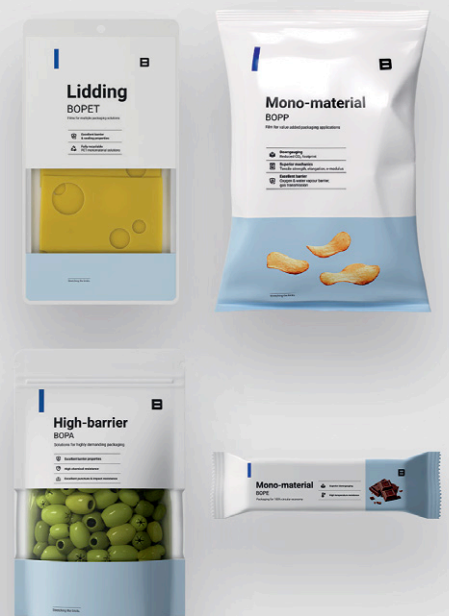
“FFRA’s progress shows what’s possible when industry aligns around a shared goal and speaks with a harmonised voice,” said Kurt Kurzawa, senior director of sustainability & packaging at the association.

The report includes an update on the launch and growth of the Plastic Film Recycling Directory. Launched in January 2025, it has now surpassed 170,000 unique users, listing more than 20,000 drop-off locations across all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

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