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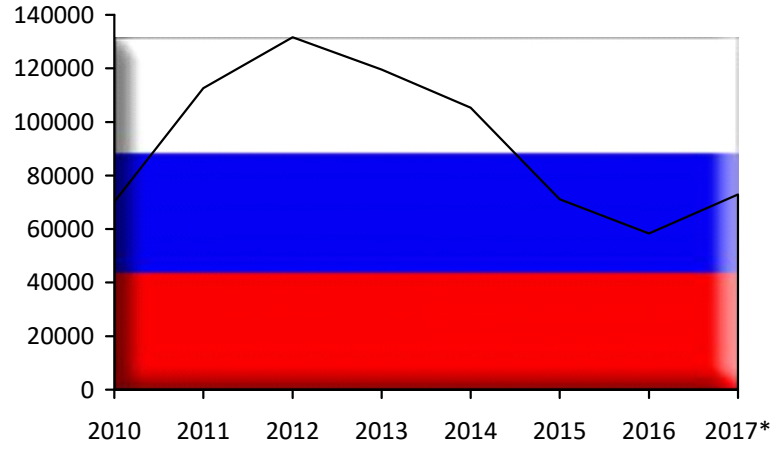
THE MADE-IN-ITALY RIDES THE RECOVERY WAVE IN RUSSIA

+109%: this is the increase in Italian exports of machinery, equipment and moulds for plastics and rubber processing to Russia in the first nine months of 2017 with respect to the same period one year earlier, based on analyses of ISTAT foreign trade data by the Statistical Studies Center of Amaplast – trade association within CONFINDUSTRIA including over 170 manufacturers.
This excellent trend has brought Russia – major historical European outlet market – back into the top ten Italian export destinations after four years of significantly poor performance resulting from the combined effect of economic sanctions and market difficulties.
It is worth underscoring that this significant share of Italian exports to Russian converters is composed of extrusion lines and other **high-value-added core machinery**, often custom built to meet specific customer needs.

Italian exports to Russia of plastics and rubber machinery, equipment and moulds
(sector total – 000 euro not updated)



*January-September

This is the encouraging context in which Amaplast is organizing the **national pavilion** at the twenty-first edition of the specialized Interplastica exhibition (Moscow, 23-26 January 2018), coordinating about forty Italian companies in an exhibition space of 750 square metres. Other

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Italian businesses will participate independently or via the stands of their local agents or affiliates.
“Even over the turbulent recent years,” states Alessandro Grassi, President of Amaplast, “Italian manufacturers continued to believe in the **potential of the Russian market**, maintaining a constant presence at the annual fair in Moscow.”
“A return to the maximum sales levels (over 200 million euros in 2007) will probably neither be easy nor immediate,” continues Grassi, “but the demand by Russian converters for machinery with sophisticated technology to meet consumer demand for quality finished products, is clearly on an upward trend and **Italian exporters are heartened by the positive signals from this market**.”
The following Amaplast member companies will be present in the Italian collective at Interplastica 2018: Amut, Bandera, Bausano & Figli, BG Plast Impianti, BMB, Borghi, CMG, CMS, Colines, Elba, Euroviti, FB Balzanelli, Friul Filiere, Gefit, Gimatic, IPM, Itib Machinery International, Moretto, Moss, Negri Bossi, Olmas, OMMP Moulds, Plastic Systems, Polivinil Rotomachinery, Previero N./Sorema, Profile Dies, Promixon, Rodolfo Comerio, Sara, Sica, ST Soffiaggio Tecnica, Tecnomatic, Tecnova, Termostampi.
The Amaplast stand is n. C23 in Hall 2.3.

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Sales to Russia are not the only strongly positive sign for Italian manufacturers of rubber and plastics-processing machinery, equipment and moulds: **overall exports for the sector recorded +16%** in the period January-September 2017.
In light of such positive figure, Amaplast estimates that production at year end could reach a new **all-time record of 4.5 billion euros** (the previous record was 4.25 billion in 2007), registering at least five percentage points in growth over 2016.

Italian market for plastics and rubber machinery, equipment and moulds (million euros)		
	2016	2017 (estimates)
production	4,230	4,500
exports	2,970	3,200
imports	850	900
domestic market	2,110	2,200
trade balance	2,120	2,300

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