

THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY IN MEXICO

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

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I BACKGROUND

The Mexican Chemical Industry, (and from which plastics derive) developed rapidly from 1950 to the 1970's. In 1960 plastic production matched domestic demand in then a protected market. Growth rates averaged 15% annually. As part of the Chemicals Sector Petrochemicals grew five and a half times between 1961 and 1975. In 1964 there were only 68 petrochemical products made in Mexico. By 1975 this had increased to 200. The number of products derived from domestic requirements and export demand on the international

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