

and Industrial Plastics Institute, which recently inaugurated its International Plastics Center to support all companies related to this industry, including producers, transformation companies and end users, as well as suppliers to the industry, exporters and importers. This center also features an all-year-round exhibition of firms related to this industry.

Some of the most important foreign companies represented in Mexico include:

**UNITED STATES**

American Plastics Equipment  
Beloid  
Cincinnati/Sano  
Conair  
Filmaster  
Goodyear  
H.P.M.  
Hyfel  
IMCO  
John Brown  
Jomar Industries  
Micromolder Machinery  
New Britanic  
Reed-Prentice  
Sterling  
Vandoor

**JAPAN**

Glaco  
Nissei ASB  
Sandreto  
Toshiba

**WEST GERMANY**

Arbur  
Barmag  
Battenfeld  
Bekum  
Berns  
Boy  
Demag  
Fischer  
Mannesman  
Reifenhausen

**ITALY**

Amut  
Fluidmec  
Hercole Comercio  
Negribossi  
Pantera

**3.1.3 Domestic Production**

Local production of plastics processing machinery and equipment is considered basic and with relatively little diversification, using mostly imported technology. All of the more sophisticated and state of the art equipment is imported, as well as the special applications machinery and accessories.

Plastics production machinery and equipment manufactured locally includes injection, extrusion, blow moulding machinery, peripheral equipment, accessories and molds. In 1990, total domestic production amounted to \$56.4 million, up from \$51.7 million in 1989 (see Table 1). As a result of the 1987 reduction in import duties, imported machinery is competing very strongly with domestically produced equipment. It is estimated that, by 1994, close to 83% of the total market will be of imported origin, while local production will be mostly for replacement purposes and for moulds.

There are only nine major manufacturers of plastics machinery in Mexico. The most important, until recently, were Fabricación de Máquinas, S.A. (FAMA) and Leesona, both manufacturers of