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The U.S. is by far the most important supplier of plastic resins to Mexico, enjoying a 90% import market share, followed by Germany, which presently hold an import market share of 4.6%. Japan has 1.2% of imports, Brazil and France 1% each. Although the U.S. holds a very dominant position in the Mexican market, other country suppliers, including Germany, Japan, Brazil, France and Italy are trying to increase their share of the import market. Germany, in particular, has actively promoted its products and some users have begun to favor German products.

The following table shows Canadian trade of plastic resins with Mexico between 1988 and 1991.

TABLE 7
CANADIAN TRADE OF PLASTIC RESINS WITH MEXICO
(Cdn\$000)

CANADIAN EXPORTS TO MEXICO

CATEGORY	1988	1989	1990	1991
L.D. Polyethylene	1,068	511	197	564
H.D. Polyethylene	453	274	364	209
Polypropylene	0	369	92	23
Polyisobutylene	0	9	5	17
Polyurethanes	0	10	0	0
PVC	0	0	0	4
Acrylic polymers	2	0	0	0
Polyethers	8	0	0	0
Silicones	0	125	75	48
Phenolic resins	16	0	0	0
Natural polymers	3	0	0	0
Plastic waste & scrap	0	5	8	0
TOTAL	1,550	1,303	741	865

CANADIAN IMPORTS FROM MEXICO

CATEGORY	1988	1989	1990	1991
Polypropylene	0	54	0	0
Polystyrene	451	1,612	96	31
ABS	88	84	165	212
Unsaturated polyester	0	0	0	40
PVC not mixed	1,206	2,257	1,400	0
PVC not plasticised	135	0	0	0
PVC plasticised	21	0	0	0
Polymethyl methacrylate	55	0	0	0
Polyamides	0	0	28	94
Silicones	0	0	637	0
TOTAL	1,956	4,007	2,326	377

Source: Statistics Canada - International Trade Division