

Global Market Opportunities Report for Plastics Processing Equipment

being open, most companies prefer imports to national products due to their higher quality and advanced technology. It is safe to say that local production is presently at 12-15 units per month. Imports of plastics processing equipment have grown steadily in the last two years, over 30% in 1993, and it is estimated that the trend will continue in the near future. The table below indicates the various product categories and values.

ARGENTINE IMPORTS OF PLASTICS PROCESSING EQUIPMENT			
(US DOLLARS)			
	IMPORTS		
	1992	1993	1994*
8477.10 - Injection/moulding machines	\$23,813,961	\$31,782,432	\$38,509,184
8477.20 - Extruders	7,282,173	8,539,793	13,705,524
8477.30 - Blow moulding machines	17,813,247	32,038,130	45,151,588
8477.40 - Vacuum moulding machines and other thermoforming machines	3,175,403	4,152,214	3,271,804
8477.51 - Tyre and tube moulding and retreading	247,346	268,994	1,440,920
8477.59 - Other moulding machines	3,196,977	4,381,436	2,386,484
8477.80 - Other machinery	22,520,322	19,054,368	23,385,076
8477.90 - Parts for machinery and equipment	4,551,178	7,558,304	6,957,092
TOTAL	\$82,600,607	\$107,775,671	\$134,807,672

Source: I.N.D.E.C. * Projected (Based on first 3 months)

Injection/moulding machines and extruders represent almost 50% of the market. Most of the imports come from Europe with Italy and Germany accounting for about 47% of all imports. Italy alone accounts for over 25% of the imports in the Argentine plastics processing equipment market.