

TABLE 3.—U.S. EXPORTS OF PLASTICS AND RESINS¹
[1960=100]

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Total:								
Dollars in millions.....	296.1	292.5	301.4	314.7	390.3	424.7	471.3	473.3
Pounds in millions.....	825.2	879.2	915.1	940.2	1,255.2	1,213.1	1,301.2	1,313.5
Average, dollar/pound.....	.359	.332	.329	.334	.312	.350	.362	.360
Index, pounds.....	100	107	111	114	152	147	158	159
EEC:								
Dollars in millions.....	78.9	78.4	82.4	75.8	86.2	94.5	102.2	110.8
Pounds in millions.....	244.8	262.8	266.3	219.1	242.2	217.9	249.6	265.8
Average, dollar/pound.....	.322	.298	.309	.346	.355	.434	.409	.416
Index, pounds.....	100	107	109	90	99	89	102	109
United Kingdom:								
Dollars in millions.....	38.0	29.2	27.5	35.6	46.4	48.6	49.4	50.1
Pounds in millions.....	83.2	57.0	49.2	67.5	98.2	93.7	96.5	106.6
Average, dollar/pound.....	.457	.512	.559	.527	.473	.519	.511	.470
Index, pounds.....	100	69	59	81	118	113	116	128
Japan:								
Dollars in millions.....	27.3	30.8	19.3	20.7	21.6	19.9	23.5	31.9
Pounds in millions.....	86.0	114.8	61.1	55.3	60.6	38.9	47.6	58.4
Average, dollar/pound.....	.317	.268	.316	.374	.356	.512	.494	.546
Index, pounds.....	100	133	71	64	70	45	55	68
Canada:								
Dollars in millions.....	53.2	55.6	63.5	62.6	70.6	88.2	96.3	102.3
Pounds in millions.....	134.6	136.7	176.7	157.8	192.3	215.4	244.0	263.7
Average, dollar/pound.....	.395	.407	.359	.397	.367	.409	.395	.388
Index, pounds.....	100	102	131	117	143	160	181	196
Mexico:								
Dollars in millions.....	10.5	10.7	9.8	13.2	16.4	22.4	22.3	16.4
Pounds in millions.....	28.3	33.2	30.8	50.7	68.3	87.8	90.1	48.6
Average, dollar/pound.....	.371	.322	.318	.26	.24	.255	.248	.337
Index, pounds.....	100	117	109	179	241	312	318	172
Hong Kong:								
Dollars in millions.....	6.8	7.9	7.2	7.9	13.7	8.3	4.6	6.5
Pounds in millions.....	27.8	41.1	42.1	45.0	89.6	48.2	28.6	38.9
Average, dollar/pound.....	.245	.192	.171	.176	.153	.172	.161	.164
Index, pounds.....	100	148	151	162	322	173	103	138
All other:								
Dollars in millions.....	81.4	79.9	91.7	98.9	136.4	142.8	173.0	155.3
Pounds in millions.....	220.5	233.6	288.9	344.8	504.0	511.3	544.8	532.0
Average, dollar/pound.....	.369	.342	.317	.287	.271	.279	.318	.291
Index, pounds.....	100	106	131	156	229	232	247	241

¹ Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, FT-410 reports, U.S. exports. Data includes resins in unfinished and semi-finished forms. Film and sheeting and laminated plastics are included beginning in 1963. Dollar value is value at port of exportation.

It will be noted that, in the seven-year period 1960-1967, exports from the U.S. increased by 59%. Exports to third countries, however, were up 114%, while exports to major producing countries remained relatively static. Of total U.S. plastic materials exported in 1960, the major producing countries took 50%, and third countries 50%. In 1967, the third country share amounted to 67% and the share for the major producing countries dropped to 33%. The EEC share of U.S. exports dropped from 30% to 20% during this seven-year period. Data summarizing these trends is shown in Table 4, and in Chart 1, as follows:

TABLE 4.—U.S. EXPORTS OF PLASTICS AND RESINS TO MAJOR PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND TO 3d COUNTRIES¹
[Pounds in millions]

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Total exports.....	825.2	879.2	915.1	940.2	1,255.2	1,213.2	1,301.2	1,313.5
To major producing countries.....	414.0	434.6	376.6	341.9	401.0	350.5	393.7	430.8
EEC.....	244.8	262.8	266.3	219.1	242.2	17.9	249.6	265.8
UK.....	83.2	57.0	49.2	67.5	98.2	93.7	96.5	106.6
Japan.....	86.0	114.8	61.1	55.3	60.6	38.9	47.6	58.4
To 3d countries.....	411.2	444.6	538.5	598.3	854.2	862.7	997.5	882.7
Index-total.....	100.0	107.0	111.0	114.0	152.0	147.0	158.0	159.0
To major producing countries.....	100.0	105.0	91.0	83.0	97.0	85.0	95.0	104.0
To 3d countries.....	100.0	108.0	131.0	146.0	208.0	210.0	221.0	215.0
Percent of total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Major producing countries.....	50.0	49.0	41.0	36.0	32.0	29.0	30.0	33.0
3d countries.....	50.0	51.0	59.0	64.0	68.0	71.0	70.0	67.0
EEC percent of total.....	30.0	30.0	29.0	23.0	19.0	18.0	19.0	20.0

¹ Statistical data summarized from table 3, above.