

The European Plastics Converters

The European Union Plastics PRODUCTS & ARTICLES Trade 2007

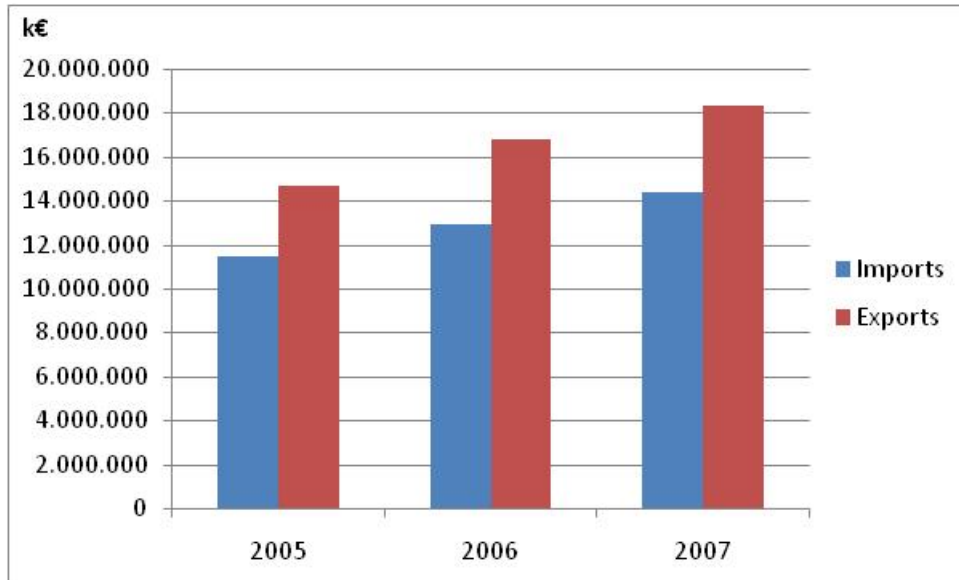
EU27 trade per plastics with the world.



Executive Summary

The EU has imported 11.436.076 k€ of plastics in 2005 and 14.348.627 k€ in 2007, which means an increase by 20% (Figure 0-1). At the same period, the EU has exported 14.690.944 k€ in 2005 and 18.344.693 k€ in 2007 (+20%). The EU trade balance is thus positive, for all the imports/exports of plastics between 2005 and 2007.

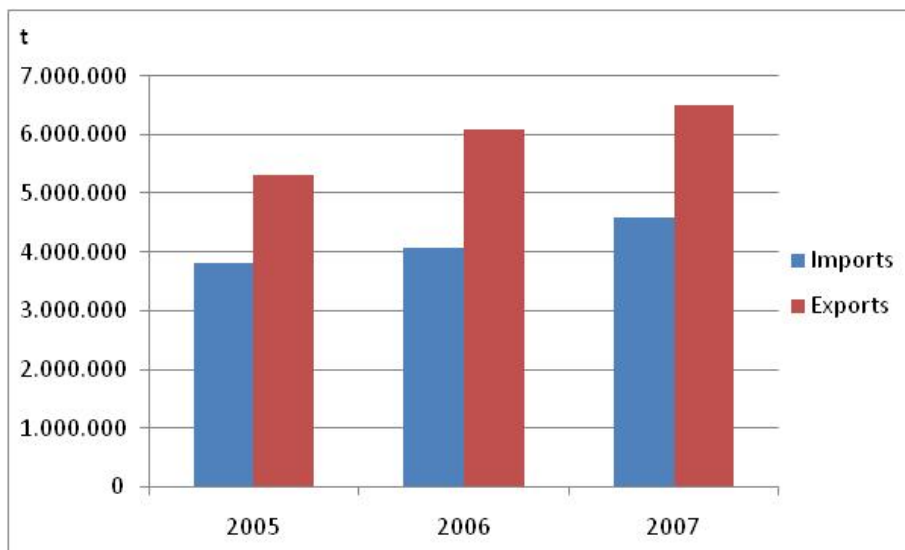
Figure 0-1: EU 27 Imports and exports of plastics (k€)



With 3.814.324 t imported in 2005 and 4.591.138 in 2007, the EU imports of plastics increased by 17% between 2005 and 2007 in terms of quantity (

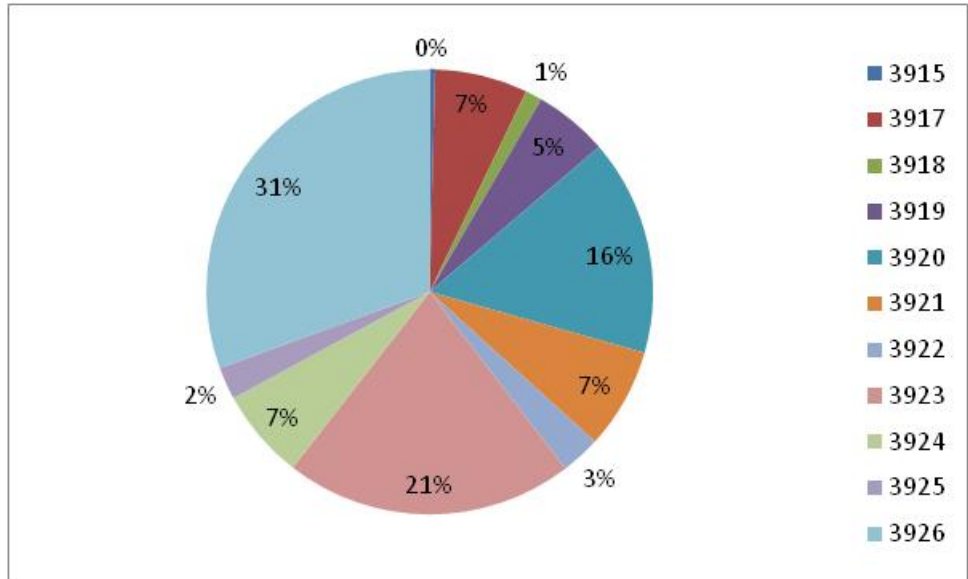
Figure 0-2). At the same period, the UE exports increased by 18%, growing from 6.095.659 t in 2005 to 6.500.294 t in 2007.

Figure 0-2: EU 27 Imports and exports of plastics (t)



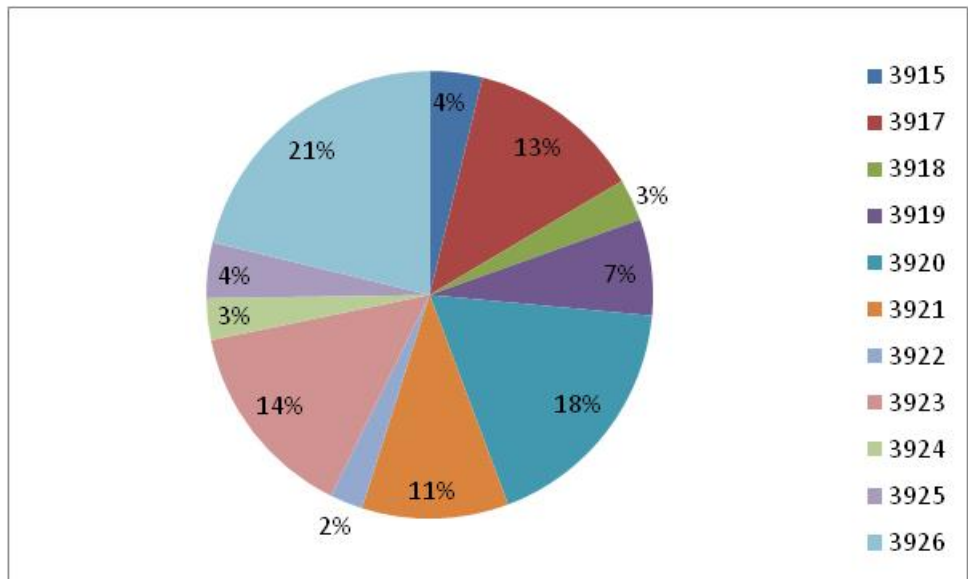
The EU imports of articles for the conveyance or packing of goods of plastics (CN 3923) represent 21% of all the EU imports of plastics in 2007, while waste, parings and scrap of plastics (CN 3915) represent less than 1% of all the EU imports of plastics in 2007, and floor, wall or ceiling coverings of plastics (CN 3918) represents a little bit more than 1% of all the EU import (Figure 0-3).

Figure 0-3: EU 27 Imports of plastics in 2007 (k€)



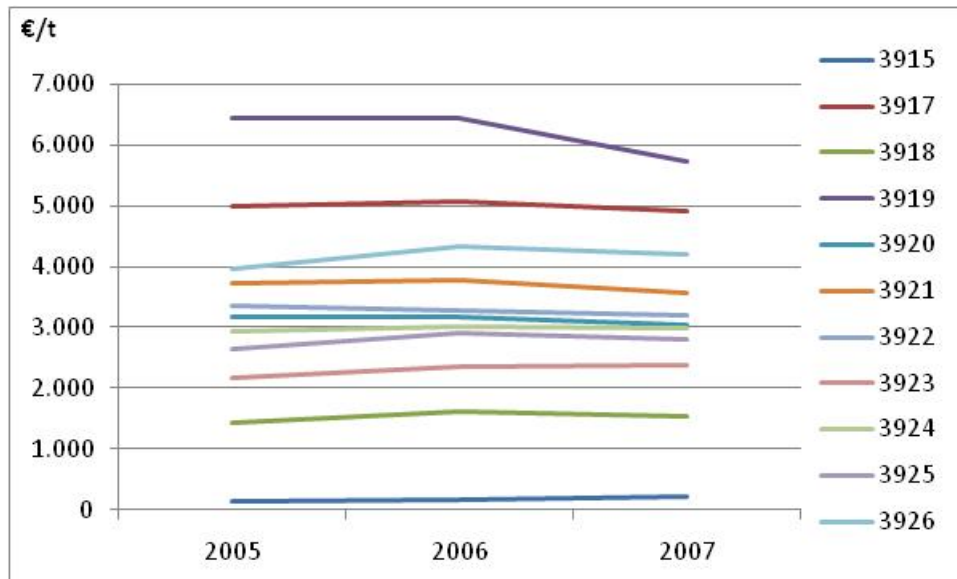
The exports of CN 3920 (other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip of plastics, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials) represent 18% of all the EU exports in 2007, while the exports of CN 3922 (baths, sinks, washbasins, lavatory pans, seats and covers, flushing cisterns and similar sanitary ware, of plastics) represent the same year about 2% of all the EU exports of plastics (Figure 0-4).

Figure 0-4: EU 27 Exports of plastics in 2007 (k€)



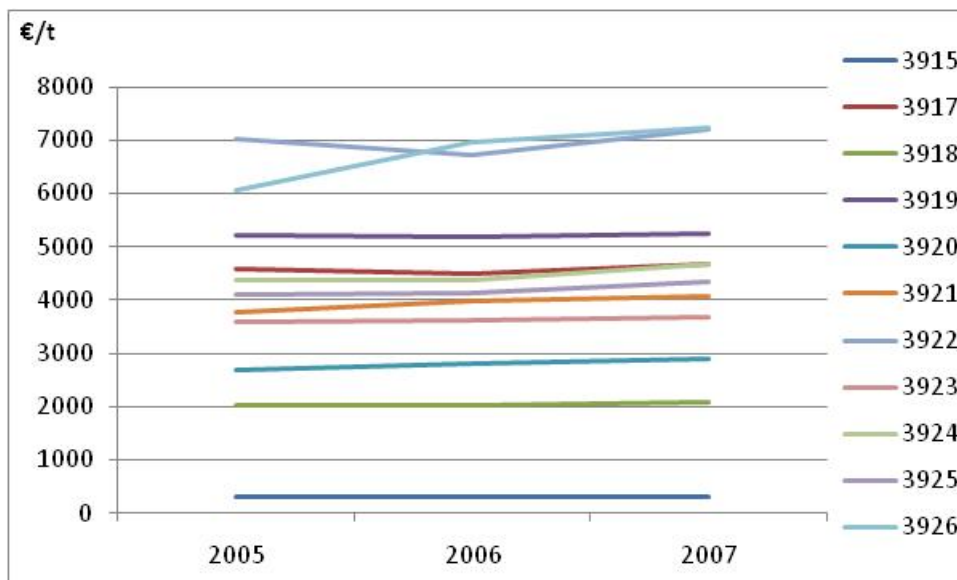
Between 2005 and 2007, the average price per ton of CN 3919 (self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape or strip of plastics) is the highest one (5.742 €/t in 2007), compared to the average price per ton of CN 3915 (waste, parings and scrap of plastics) with 232 €/t in 2007, at the same period (Figure 0-5).

Figure 0-5: EU 27 Imports of plastics (€/t)



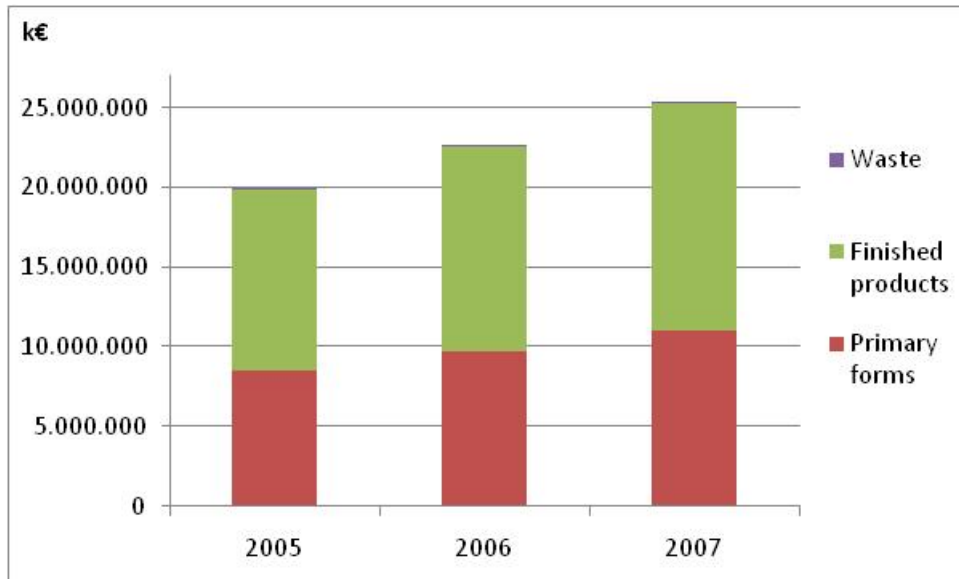
With 307 €/t in 2007, the average price per ton of waste, parings and scrap of plastics (CN 3915) is stable between 2005 and 2007, and the less important during all the period. On the contrary, with 7.206 €/t in 2007, the average price per ton of baths, sinks, washbasins, lavatory pans, seats and covers, flushing cisterns and similar sanitary ware, of plastics (CN 3922) is the highest one between 2005 and 2007 (Figure 0-6).

Figure 0-6: EU 27 Exports of plastics (€/t)



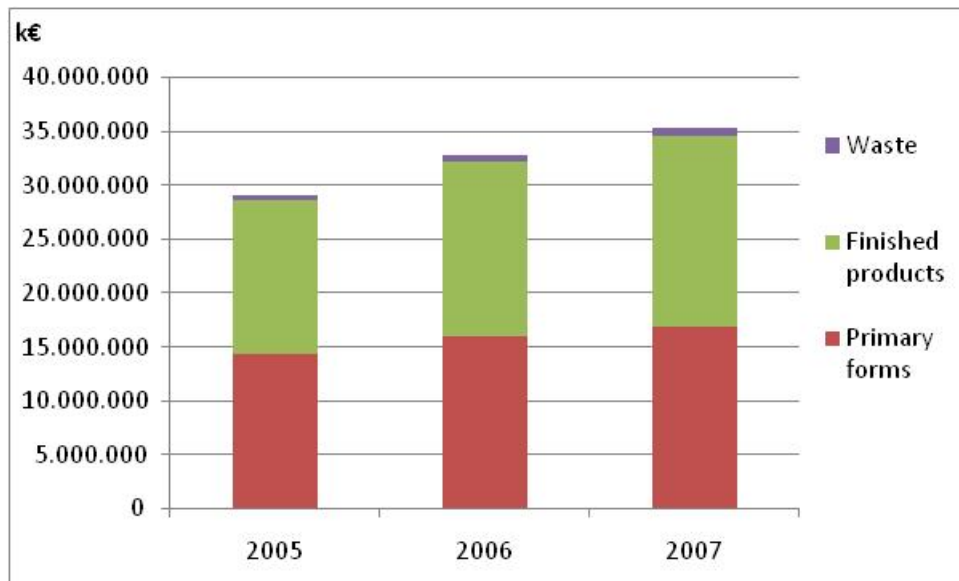
Waste and Finished products represent about 56,3% of all the EU imports of plastics (56% of manufactured plastics products and 0,3 of waste) in 2007 (Figure 0-7).

Figure 0-7: EU 27 Imports of plastics (k€)



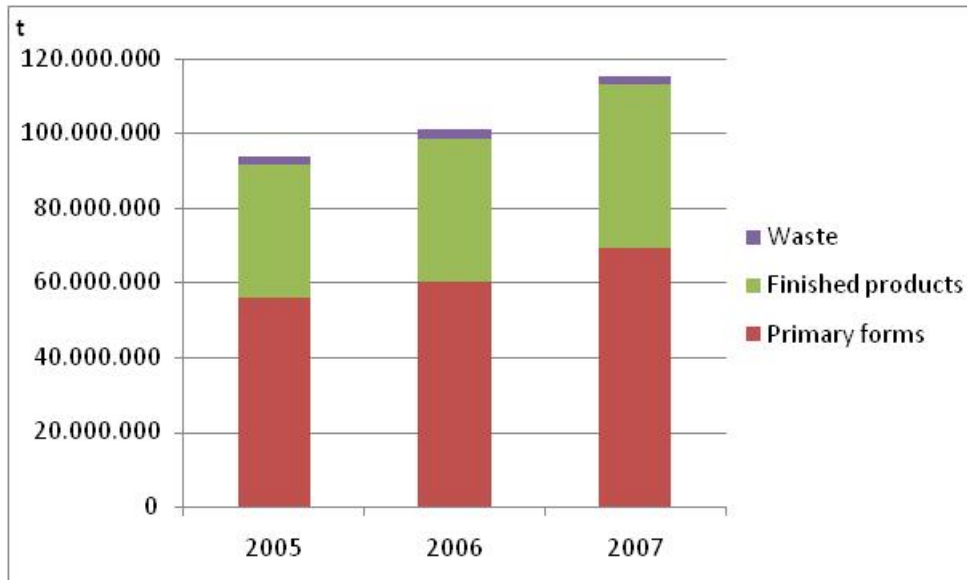
Moreover, waste and finished products represent 51% of all the exports of plastics (49% of manufactured products and 2% of waste) in 2007 (Figure 0-8).

Figure 0-8: EU 27 Exports of plastics (k€)



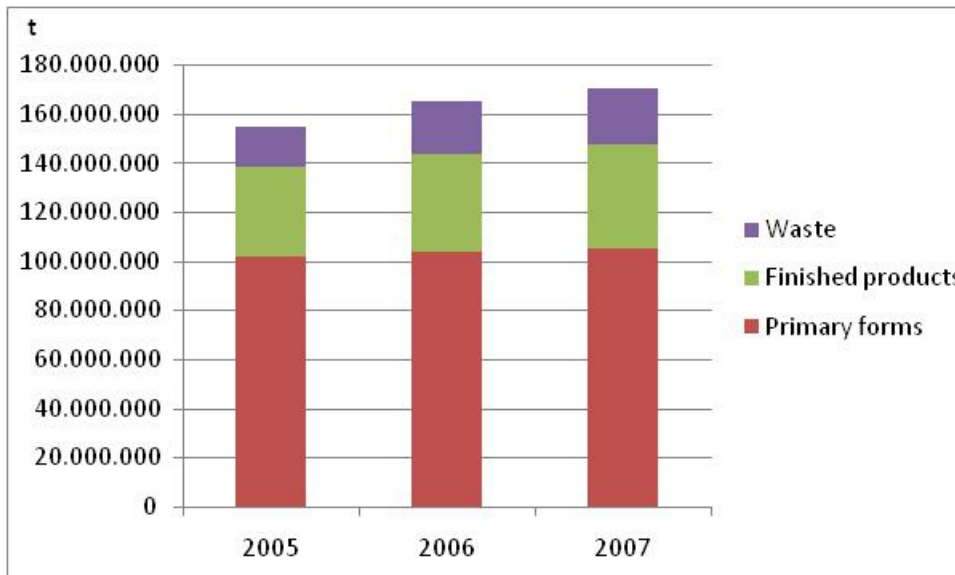
In terms of quantity, finished plastics products represent 38% of all the EU imports of plastics, while waste of plastics represent 2% in 2007.(Figure 0-9).

Figure 0-9: EU 27 Imports of plastics (t)



At the same time, finished products represent 24% of all the EU exports of plastics, while waste of plastics represent 13% (Figure 0-10).

Figure 0-10: EU 27 Exports of plastics (t)



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