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Foreword

The 2023 Industrial Data Book represents our commitment to supporting industrialists as they face current economic challenges and strive for sustainable development through improved decision-making. This data book primarily concentrates on the statistical factors that impact economic growth, particularly focusing on export expansion.

The statistical analyses presented in this data book are based on comprehensive statistical data sourced from various institutions, including the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS), the Department of Customs (DoC), the Export Development Board (EDB) and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

Within this publication, you will find statistical references related to both exports and imports. This includes tables featuring productivity indicators derived from manufacturing establishments and the number of individuals employed in each sector, as well as statistics on key indicators of industrial activity spanning from 2016 to 2020. The data also covers the value of outputs and output components, intermediate consumption values, employment breakdowns by nature, economic indicators categorized by industry class, and import and export statistics.

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I firmly believe that the 2023 Industrial Data Book will play a crucial role in shedding light on current and future productivity and economic growth trends within the industrial sectors. It has the potential to significantly influence policymaking in the industry sectors and will be valuable to a wide range of data consumers, including policymakers, economic planners, academics, researchers and other interested parties in the future.

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Overview

As of 2022, the paper and paper products industry, as well as the packaging industry in Sri Lanka, continued to play significant roles in the country's economy, although facing various challenges and opportunities.

Paper and Paper Products Industry:

The paper industry in Sri Lanka comprises manufacturers engaged in the production of various types of paper products, including printing paper, packaging paper, tissue paper, and specialty papers.

Major players in the industry typically include companies involved in paper manufacturing, printing, and converting.

The industry is influenced by factors such as raw material availability, technology adoption, environmental regulations, and market demand.

Challenges in the sector may include fluctuating raw material prices, competition from imported paper products, and environmental concerns regarding deforestation and waste management.

However, there are also opportunities for growth, such as increasing demand for eco-friendly paper products, technological advancements in production processes, and expanding export markets.

Packaging Industry:

The packaging industry in Sri Lanka encompasses the manufacturing of various types of packaging materials, including paper-based packaging, plastic packaging, metal packaging, and glass packaging.

Packaging serves diverse sectors such as food and beverage, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and consumer goods.

Key players in the packaging industry include packaging manufacturers, converters, and suppliers of packaging machinery and equipment.

Factors influencing the packaging industry include consumer preferences, regulatory requirements, sustainability considerations, and advancements in packaging technology.

The industry faces challenges related to ensuring product safety, meeting regulatory standards, reducing environmental impact, and adapting to changing consumer trends.

Opportunities in the packaging sector include innovation in sustainable packaging solutions, customization to meet specific customer needs, and expansion into new export markets.

Market Trends and Outlook:

In 2022, the paper and packaging industries in Sri Lanka were likely affected by the broader economic conditions, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on supply chains, consumer behavior, and business operations.

There may have been a growing focus on sustainability and environmental stewardship, driving demand for eco-friendly packaging solutions and recycled paper products.

Technological advancements, such as digital printing and automation, could have influenced manufacturing processes and product innovation in both industries.

Export opportunities may have been pursued to capitalize on demand from international markets for Sri Lankan paper and packaging products.

Government policies and initiatives aimed at promoting domestic manufacturing, improving infrastructure, and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) may have also influenced the operating environment for these industries.

Overall, the paper and paper products industry, along with the packaging industry in Sri Lanka, continue to evolve in response to changing market dynamics, technological advancements, and sustainability considerations, presenting both challenges and opportunities for stakeholders within these sectors.

Table 1: Paper and Paper Products Sector Contributions to the GDP at Current and Constant Market Price (2018 - 2022)

Year	Current		Constant	
	Contribution Value (Rs. Mn)	Share of total Current GDP (%)	Contribution Value (Rs. Mn)	Share of total Constant GDP (%)
2018	19,225	0.13	13,954	0.11
2019	19,613	0.12	13,073	0.10
2020	15,526	0.10	10,942	0.09
2021	18,726	0.11	11,881	0.09
2022	23,102	0.10	9,265	0.08

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Figure 2: The Contribution of the Paper and Paper Products Industry Sector to the GDP

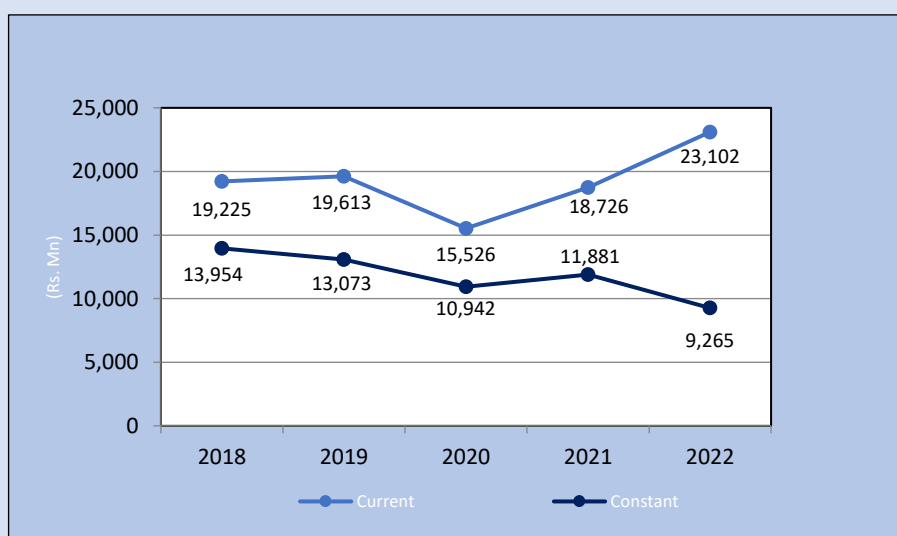


Figure 3: The Share of the Paper and Paper Products Industry Sector to the GDP

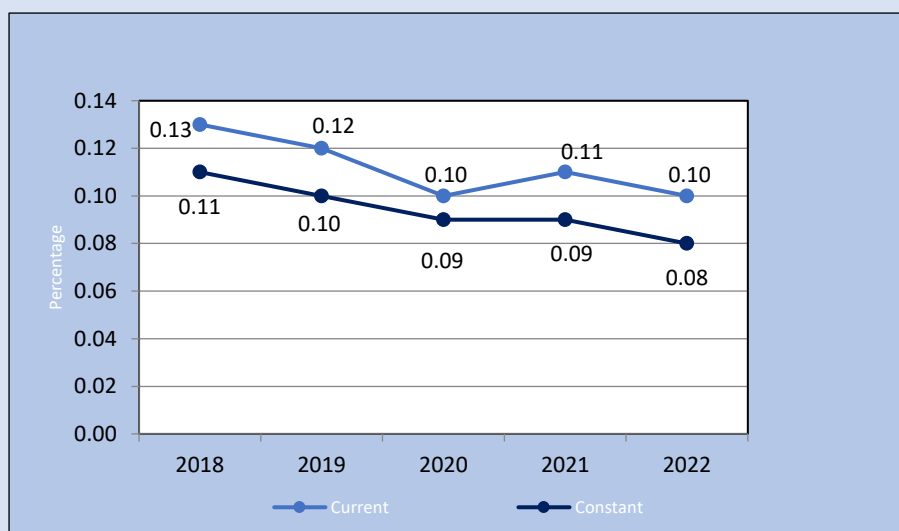


Table 2: Manufacturing Establishments and Number of Person Engaged of Paper and Paper Products Industry (2016 - 2020)

Year	Establishments less than 25 persons engaged		Establishments 25 or more persons engaged		Total	
	No. of Establishments	No. Persons engaged	No. of Establishments	No. Persons engaged	No. of Establishments	No. Persons engaged
2016	35	344	56	7,603	91	7,947
2017	77	694	88	8,328	165	9,022
2018	127	1,378	38	5,021	165	6,399
2019	70	718	54	5,215	124	5,933
2020	67	760	52	4,669	119	5,429

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 3: Principal Indicators of Industrial Activity classified by Persons Engaged Size Class of Paper and Paper Products (2016) - Establishments with 5 or more persons engaged

2016								
Size Class	No. of establishments	No. of Persons engaged	No. of Employees	Salary & Wages (Rs.)	Output (Rs.)	Intermediate consumptions (Rs.)	Value added (Rs.)	Gross addition to fixed assets (Rs.)
less than 10	71	116	56	7,481,866	22,278,410	11,283,358	10,955,052	10,000
10 to 99	55	3,205	3,090	992,740,762	8,695,028,318	4,245,259,579	4,449,768,739	1,076,942,242
100 & above	15	4,626	4,619	2,491,649,606	29,000,673,676	17,617,709,630	11,382,964,046	1,184,119,393
Group total	91	7,947	7,766	3,491,872,235	37,717,980,404	21,874,252,568	15,843,727,836	2,261,078,635

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 4: Principal Indicators of Industrial Activity classified by Persons Engaged Size Class of Paper and Paper Products (2017) - Establishments with 5 or more persons engaged

2017								
Size Class	No. of establishments	No. of Persons engaged	No. of Employees	Salary & Wages (Rs.)	Output (Rs.)	Intermediate consumptions (Rs.)	Value added (Rs.)	Gross addition to fixed assets (Rs.)
less than 10	54	330	194	35,253,160	53,649,057	24,340,229	29,308,828	-
10 to 99	100	4,673	4,542	1,271,621,736	8,831,941,662	4,904,834,048	3,927,107,614	729,357,981
100 & above	11	4,018	4,018	2,363,553,967	29,882,438,413	17,236,536,666	12,645,901,747	1,766,246,260
Group total	165	9,022	8,754	3,670,428,863	38,768,029,132	22,165,710,943	16,602,318,189	2,495,604,241

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 5: Principal Indicators of Industrial Activity classified by Persons Engaged Size Class of Paper and Paper Products (2018) - Establishments with 5 or more persons engaged

2018								
Size Class	No. of establishments	No. of Persons engaged	No. of Employees	Salary & Wages (Rs.)	Output (Rs.)	Intermediate consumptions (Rs.)	Value added (Rs.)	Gross addition to fixed assets (Rs.)
less than 10	58	356	163	21,157,869	51,066,876	28,710,003	22,356,873	-
10 to 99	90	1,963	1,836	416,393,483	6,506,826,229	2,960,503,695	3,546,322,534	1,820,537,569
100 & above	17	4,079	4,078	2,766,429,249	32,449,721,486	19,265,967,104	13,183,754,382	876,456,714
Group total	165	6,399	6,078	3,203,980,600	39,007,614,591	22,255,180,803	16,752,433,788	2,696,994,282

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Survey of Industries

Table 6: Principal Indicators of Industrial Activity classified by Persons Engaged Size Class of Paper and Paper Products (2019) - Establishments with 5 or more persons engaged

2019								
Size Class	No. of establishments	No. of Persons engaged	No. of Employees	Salary & Wages (Rs.)	Output (Rs.)	Intermediate consumptions (Rs.)	Value added (Rs.)	Gross addition to fixed assets (Rs.)
less than 10	48	281	138	20,460,450	37,796,239	18,269,681	19,526,558	-
10 to 99	66	2,821	2,724	931,498,190	10,755,046,219	6,484,780,997	,270,265,222	11,884,458
100 & above	10	2,831	2,831	1,618,778,873	30,576,087,890	18,761,589,890	11,814,498,000	951,633,123
Group total	124	5,933	5,693	2,570,737,513	41,368,930,348	25,264,640,567	16,104,289,780	963,517,581

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Survey of Industries

Table 7: Principal Indicators of Industrial Activity classified by Persons Engaged Size Class of Paper and Paper Products (2020) - Establishments with 5 or more persons engaged

2020								
Size Class	No. of Establishments	No. of Persons engaged	No. of Persons engaged	Salary & Wages (Rs.)	Output (Rs.)	Intermediate consumptions (Rs.)	Value added (Rs.)	Gross addition to fixed assets (Rs.)
less than 10	38	253	122	17,398,560	28,230,636	18,922,713	9,307,923	0
10 to 99	73	3,107	3,005	815,176,037	14,268,989,852	9,073,286,473	5,195,703,380	576,891,902
100 & above	8	2,069	2,068	1,033,306,029	20,335,818,206	11,293,794,352	9,042,023,854	595,880,406
Group total	119	5,429	5,195	1,865,880,626	34,633,038,694	20,386,003,538	14,247,035,156	1,172,772,308

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Survey of Industries

Table 8: Manufacturing of Paper and Paper Products Per Head Labour Productivity and Cost

Year	Per head Labour Cost	Per head Labour Productivity	Labour Cost to Productivity Ratio
2016	449,636	2,040,140	4.54
2017	419,286	1,896,541	4.52
2018	527,144	2,756,241	5.23
2019	451,561	2,828,788	6.26
2020	359,168	6,666,609	18.56

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Figure 4: Manufacturing of Paper and Paper Products Per Head Labour Productivity and Cost

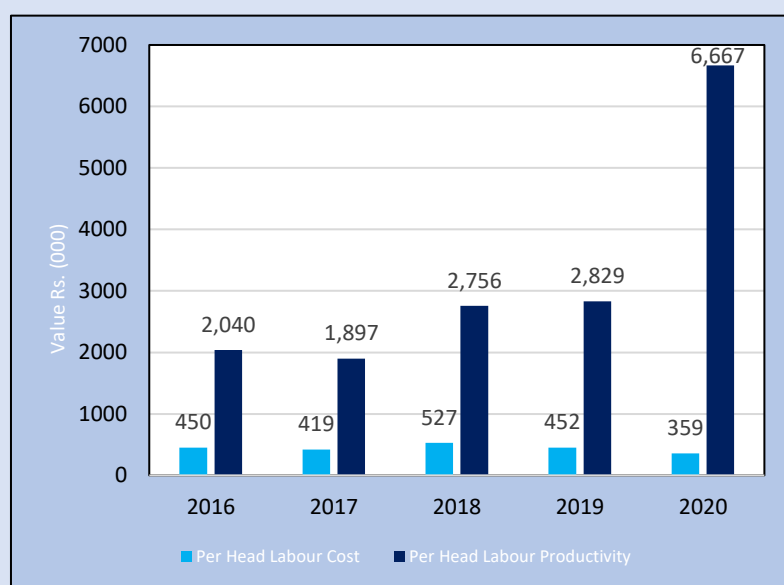


Table 9: Value of Output & Output Components Classified by Paper and Paper Products Industry - Establishments 25 or more engaged

Year	Output (Rs.)	Shipped (Rs.)/ products moved of the establishment (Rs.)	Change in Stocks (Rs.)	Industrial services & other revenue (Rs.)
2016	37,155,023,826	36,734,348,578	(93,246,322)	513,921,571
2017	37,990,171,548	37,122,126,595	113,782,211	754,262,742
2018	33,372,565,087	32,564,914,874	229,060,920	578,589,293
2019	40,266,677,545	39,293,569,182	483,005,601	490,102,762
2020	33,614,752,678	23,061,945,026	189,787,415	10,363,020,237

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 10: Value of Intermediate Consumptions & Intermediate Consumptions Components Classified by Paper and Paper Products Industry (Establishments with 25 or more persons engaged)

Year	Intermediate consumption (Rs.)	Raw materials consumed (Rs.)	Cost of industrial services done by others & other payments (Rs.)	Electricity & fuel consumed (Rs.)
2016	21,443,999,335	18,536,326,148	2,484,038,896	423,634,292
2017	21,705,284,385	18,605,852,001	2,644,529,586	454,902,797
2018	19,720,092,530	16,554,425,229	2,734,021,694	431,645,606
2019	24,563,023,437	21,864,708,852	2,282,974,696	415,339,889
2020	19,664,382,586	17,420,211,136	1,875,563,185	368,608,265

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 11: Employment by Nature of Employment & Gender Classified by Industry Division of Paper and Paper Products (Establishment with 25 or more persons engaged)

Year	Working Proprietors (No.)		Unpaid family workers (No.)		Operatives (No.)		Other employees (No.)		Total persons engaged	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
2016	62	21	0	0	3,548	1,502	1,836	634	5,446	2,158
2017	31	31	0	2	3,827	2,065	1,907	466	5,765	2,563
2018	15	7	4	4	2,472	871	1,201	446	3,693	1,328
2019	28	23	4	4	2,326	684	1,548	597	3,907	1,308
2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 12: Economic Indicators of Industrial Activity Classified by Class Industry of Paper and Paper Products

Year	Output per persons engaged (Rs.)		Output per intermediate consumptions		Output per assets		Value added per persons engaged (Rs.)		Value added per intermediate consumptions		Value added per assets	
	Less than 25 persons	25 or more persons	Less than 25 persons	25 or more persons	Less than 25 persons	25 or more persons	Less than 25 persons	25 or more persons	Less than 25 persons	25 or more persons	Less than 25 persons	25 or more persons
2016	1,637,454	4,886,677	1.31	1.73	2.63	3.19	385,990	2,066,335	0.31	0.73	0.62	1.35
2017	1,121,374	4,561,723	1.69	1.75	2.30	2.30	457,615	1,986,627	0.69	0.75	0.94	0.98
2018	4,089,296	6,646,597	2.22	1.69	0.56	2.82	2,249,609	2,719,074	1.22	0.69	0.31	1.16
2019	1,534,808	7,720,993	1.57	1.64	0.63	2.71	557,856	3,011,120	0.57	0.64	0.23	1.06
2020	1,339,100	7,200,000	1.41	1.71	0.55	3.40	390,100	2,988,100	0.41	0.71	0.16	1.41

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 13: Categories of Employees by Nature of Employment Classified by Industry of Paper and Paper Products

Year	Establishments with 25 or more persons engaged			Establishments with less than 25 persons engaged		
	Employees (No.)	Skilled (No.)	Unskilled (No.)	Employees (No.)	Skilled (No.)	Unskilled (No.)
2016	7,520	3,944	1,106	245	128	63
2017	8,265	4,332	1,559	490	358	70
2018	4,990	2,108	1,236	1,086	575	339
2019	5,156	2,057	953	538	258	157
2020	4,658	2,288	893	538	292	173

Source: Department of Census and Statistics, Annual Surveys of Industries

Table 14: Packaging Imports (2020 – 2022)**Table 14.1: Imports of Corrugated Manufacturing and Printing**

Description	Unit	2020		2021		2022	
		Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)
Uncoated Kraft paper and paper board, in rolls or sheets	MT	74,962	8,585	66,659	10,863	50,021	18,003
Other Uncoated Kraft paper and paper board, in rolls or sheets	MT	89,278	6,951	112,565	13,207	90,878	20,057
Cartons, boxes, cases bags and other packing containers	MT	4,596	2,012	3,868	2,614	3,758	4,630
Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	MT	15,502	1,072	16,725	1,508	0	0
Aluminum foil (whether or not printed backed with paper, paperboard, plastics or similar backing materials) of a thickness (excluding any backing) not exceeding 0.2 mm (+).	MT	804	458	550	391	642	1,105
Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter.	MT	3,097	2,455	4,036	3,393	3,318	5,009
Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium.	MT	822	660	1,083	1,050	971	1,444
printing ink, writing or drawing ink and other inks	MT	2,694	3,984	2,423	4,374	2,017	6,613
prepared glue and other prepared adhesives	MT	3,876	2,780	3,822	3,622	4,135	6,328
Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip of plastics.	MT	0.056	4,413	11,240	5,774	10,363	10,454
Newsprint, in rolls or sheets.	MT	22,976	2,036	24,806	2,703	10,254	2,865
Uncoated paper and paperboard, of a kind used for writing, printing or other graphic purposes, and non-perforated punch- cards and punch tape paper, in rolls or rectangular (including square) sheets, of any size	MT	100,455	17,864	92,172	19,555	67,892	28,977
Toilet or facial tissue stock, towel or napkin stock and similar paper of a kind used for household or sanitary purposes, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibers, whether or not creped, crinkled, embossed, perforated, surface-decorated or printed, in rolls or sheets.	MT	2,980	535	3,369	756	2,246	1,002
Vegetable parchment, greaseproof papers, tracing papers and glassine and other glazed transparent or translucent papers, in rolls or sheets.	MT	689	166	592	158	770	373
Composite paper and paper board (made by sticking flat layers of paper or paperboard together with an adhesive), not surface-coated or impregnated, whether or not internally reinforced, in rolls or sheets	MT	1,000	147	1,812	345	1,891	680
Paper and paperboard. Corrugated (with or without glued flat surface sheets) creped, crinkled, embossed or perforated, in rolls or sheets, other than paper of the kind described in heading 48.03	MT	787	174	426	152	454	236
paper and paper board	MT	117,633	14,352	120,363	20,048	102,907	33,223
Paper, paperboard cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibers, coated, impregnated, covered, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed, in rolls or rectangular (including square) sheets, of any size, other than goods of the kind described in heading 48.03, 48.09 or 48.10	MT	14,989	7,001	14,654	7,881	15,634	14,934

Cigarette paper, whether or not cut to size or in the form of booklets or tubes	MT	157	91	197	123	245	220
Wall paper a similar wall covering, window transparencies of paper	MT	74	199	95	54	46	150
Envelopes, letter cards, plain postcards and correspondence cards of paper or paperboard boxes, pouched, wallets and writing compendiums, of paper or paperboard, containing an assortment of paper stationery	MT	44	31	57	34	65	84
Toilet paper and similar paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibers, of a kind used for household or sanitary purpose, in rolls of a width not exceeding 36cm, or cut to size or shape, handkerchiefs, cleansing tissues, towels, table cloths, serviettes, bed sheets or similar household, sanitary or hospital articles, articles of appeal and clothing accessories, of paper pulp, paper, cellulose waddingoe webs of cellulose fibers.	MT	3,448	690	3,252	808	2,649	1,250
Registers, account books, note books, order books, receipts books, letter pads memorandum pads diaries and similar articles, exercise books, blotting-pads, binders (loose-leaf or other), folders, file covers. Manifold business forms, interleaved carbon sets and other articles of stationery, of paper or paperboard, albums for sample or for collections and book covers, of paper or paperboard	MT	102	38	158	49	99	74
paper and paper board labels or other kind	MT	0.666	3,580	1,601	5,063	1,475	8,069
Transfers	MT	412	2,270	561	3,218	668	4,578
Total	MT	461,386	82,556	487,099	107,753	373,399	170,358

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 14.2: Imports of Laminated and Flexible Packaging

Description	Unit	2020		2021		2022	
		Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)
Other plates, sheets, film, foil, tape	MT	32,450	13,403	29,597	16,291	27,963	29,064
Articles for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics:	MT	7,727	6,530	8,082	8,358	7,922	13,125
prepared binders for foundry	MT	40,897	6,243	44,731	8,687	4,560	4,047
Total	MT	60,841	19,112	82,411	33,338	40,445	46,236

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 14.3: Imports of Laminated and Flexible Packaging

Description	Unit	2020		2021		2022	
		Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)
Tanks, casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers	MT	1,623	265	163	159	11,003	11,860
Stoppers, caps and lids	MT	1,018	672	218	187	2,163	3,895
Total	MT	2,642	938	382	347	13,166	15,755

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 14.4: Imports of Glass Packaging

Description	Unit	2020		2021		2022	
		Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)
carboys, bottles flasks jars, pots, phials.... of a kind used for the conveyance or packing of goods	MT	22,301	2,412	26,938	3,602	6,023	1,847
Total	MT	22,301	2,412	26,938	3,602	6,023	1,847

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 15: Packaging Exports (2020 - 2022)**Table 15.1: Exports of Corrugated Manufacturing and Printing**

Description	Unit	2020		2021		2022	
		Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)
Uncoated Kraft paper and paper board, in rolls or sheets	MT	1,485	131	2,403	331	3,809	793
Other Uncoated Kraft paper and paper board, in rolls or sheets	MT	11,421	786	3,911	517	5,195	1,073
Cartons, boxes, cases bags and other packing containers	MT	13,271	4,178	14,401	6,164	10,853	9,399
Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	MT	218	11	318	29	263	41
Aluminum foil (whether or not printed backed with paper, paperboard, plastics or similar backing material's) of a thickness (excluding any backing) not exceeding 0.2 mm (+).	MT	834	369	2	1	-	-
Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter.	MT	729	523	1,023	820	571	1,031
Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium.	MT	76	28	84	63	21	42
printing ink, writing or drawing ink and other inks	MT	10	25	15	68	16	74
prepared glue and other prepared adhesives	MT	128	45	280	47	-	-
Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip of plastics.	MT	559	198	990	502	643	574
Newsprint, in rolls or sheets.	MT	25	3	19	2	16	6
Uncoated paper and paperboard, of a kind used for writing, printing or other graphic purposes, and non-perforated punch- cards and punch tape paper, in rolls or rectangular (including square) sheets, of any size, other than paper of heading 48.01 or 48.03; hand- made paper and paper board.	MT	474	117	444	142	231	146
Toilet or facial tissue stock, towel or napkin stock and similar paper of a kind used for household or sanitary purposes, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres, whether or not creped, crinkled, embossed, perforated, surface-decorated or printed, in rolls or sheets.	MT	4	2	1	866,402	1	2
Vegetable parchment, greaseproof papers, tracing papers and glassine and other glazed transparent or translucent papers, in rolls or sheets.	MT	1,485	0	1	2	3	8
Composite paper and paper board (made by sticking flat layers of paper or paperboard together with an adhesive), not surface-coated or impregnated, whether or not internally reinforced, in rolls or sheets	MT	0	0	0	3	2	7
Paper and paperboard. Corrugated (with or without glued flat surface sheets) creped, crinkled, embosses or perforated, in rolls or sheets, other than paper of the kind described in heading 48.03	MT	63	22	35	13	7	6
paper and paper board	MT	725	163	672	204	1,455	680
Paper, paperboard cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibers, coated, impregnated, covered, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed, in rolls or rectangular (including square) sheets, of any size, other than goods of the kind described in heading 48.03, 48.09 or 48.10	MT	273	149	2,051	433	232	347
Cigarette paper, whether or not cut to size or in the form of booklets or tubes	MT	-	-	12	58	9	62
Wallpapering similar wall covering, window transparencies of paper	MT	0	0	4	3	0	0
Envelopes, letter cards, plain postcards and correspondence cards of paper or paperboard boxes, pouched, wallets and writing compendiums, of paper or paperboard, containing an assortment of paper stationery	MT	474	329	521	345	386	416
Toilet paper and similar paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibers, of a kind used for household or sanitary purpose, in rolls of a width not exceeding 36cm, or cut to size or shape, handkerchiefs, cleansing tissues, towels, table cloths, serviettes, bed sheets or similar household, sanitary or hospital articles, articles of appeal and	MT	254	106	300	135	291	229

clothing accessories, of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding webs of cellulose fibers.							
Registers, account books, note books, order books, receipts books, letter pads memorandum pads diaries and similar articles, exercise books, blotting-pads, binders (loose-leaf or other), folders, file covers. Manifold business forms, interleaved carbon sets and other articles of stationery, of paper or paperboard, albums for sample or for collections and book covers, of paper or paperboard	MT	2,607	729	2,702	857	2,360	1,368
paper and paper board labels or other kind	MT	3,800	2,569	3,935	2,895	3,957	5,289
Transfers	MT	26	385	66	1,059	100	1,872
Total	MT	38,953	10,879	34,203	14,704	30,423	23,465

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 15.2: Exports of Laminated and Flexible Packaging

Description	Unit	2020		2021		2022	
		Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)
Other plates, sheets, film, foil, tape	MT	1,019	484	1,512	881	1,249	1,073
Articles for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics: prepared binders for foundry	MT	11,888	5,483	13,221	6,862	9,707	8,318
	MT	13,224	608	2,301	572	-	-
Total	MT	26,132	6,576	17,034	8,317	10,956	9,390

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 15.3: Exports of Metal Packaging

Description	Unit	2020		2021		2022	
		Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)
Tanks, casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers	MT	1,623	265	163	159	311	538
Stoppers, caps and lids	MT	1,018	672	218	187	135	414
Total	MT	2,642	938	382	347	446	952

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 15.4: Exports of Glass Packaging

Description	Unit	2020		2021		2022	
		Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)	Qty	Value (Rs. Mn)
carboys, bottles flasks jars, pots, phials.... of a kind used for the conveyance or packing of goods	MT	22,301	2,412	26,938	3,602	26,160	7,005
Total	MT	22,301	2,412	26,938	3,602	26,160	7,005

Source: Sri Lanka Customs