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India's PE and PP Import Demand Set to Stay Firm in H1 2026

India's polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP) import demand is expected to remain strong during the first half of 2026 supported by robust downstream activity and seasonal manufacturing trends in India. Downstream producers raise operating rates to prepare for peak consumption during the March-May summer season.

Flexible packaging demand, particularly for fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG), is a key driver. Food and beverage consumption rises during summer. Food manufacturing growth generally accelerates from October to March, while beverage production expands mainly between January and May. In PE, stronger demand from packaging is expected to support restocking. High-density polyethylene (HDPE) bag demand has been notably strong since early January, while low-density polyethylene (LDPE) packaging demand is anticipated to improve further. For PP used in construction and agricultural packaging, firmer first-quarter demand is supporting buying interest, aided by seasonal construction activity and the upcoming harvest.



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