

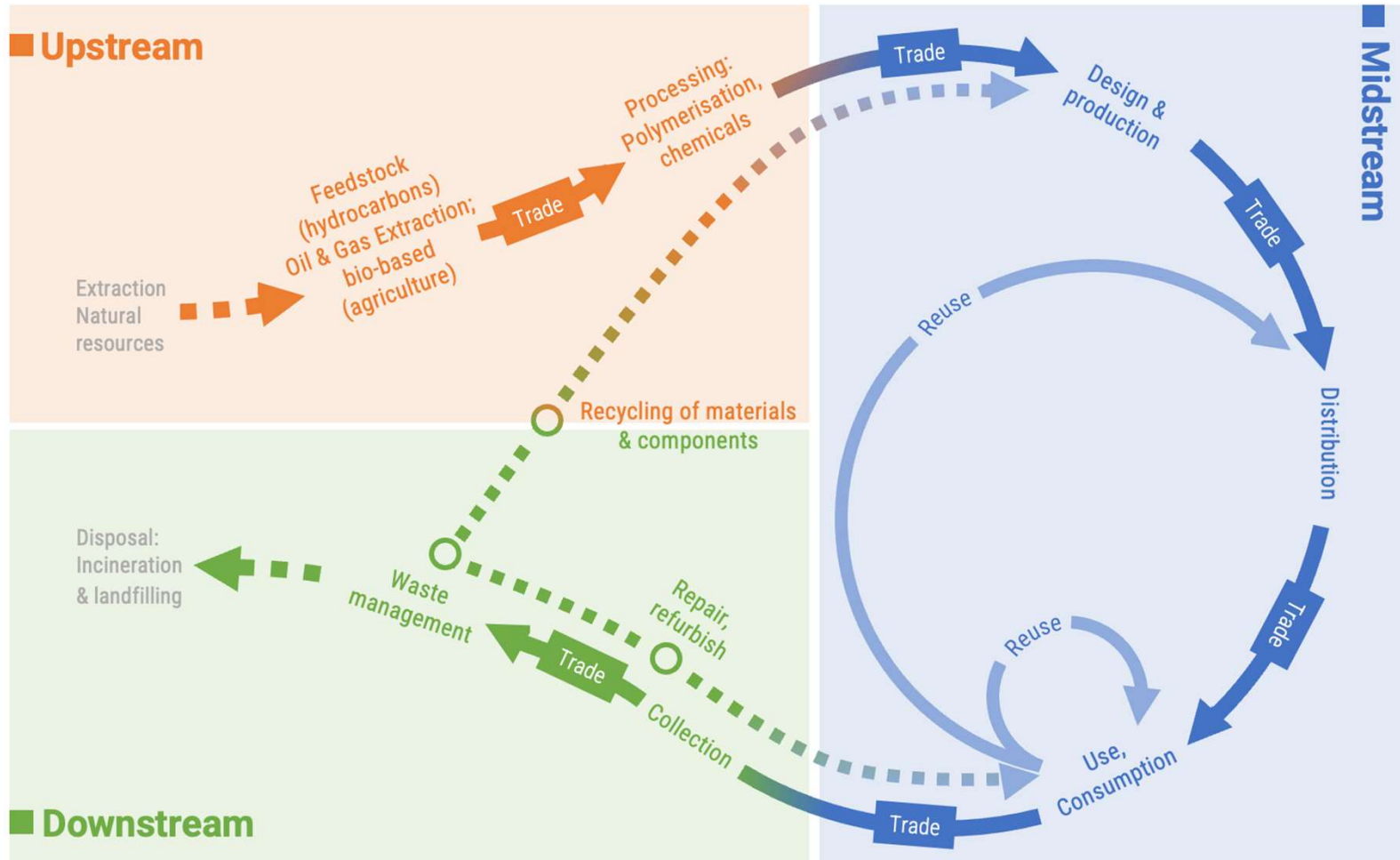
# The role of trade measures in the future instrument: challenges and opportunities

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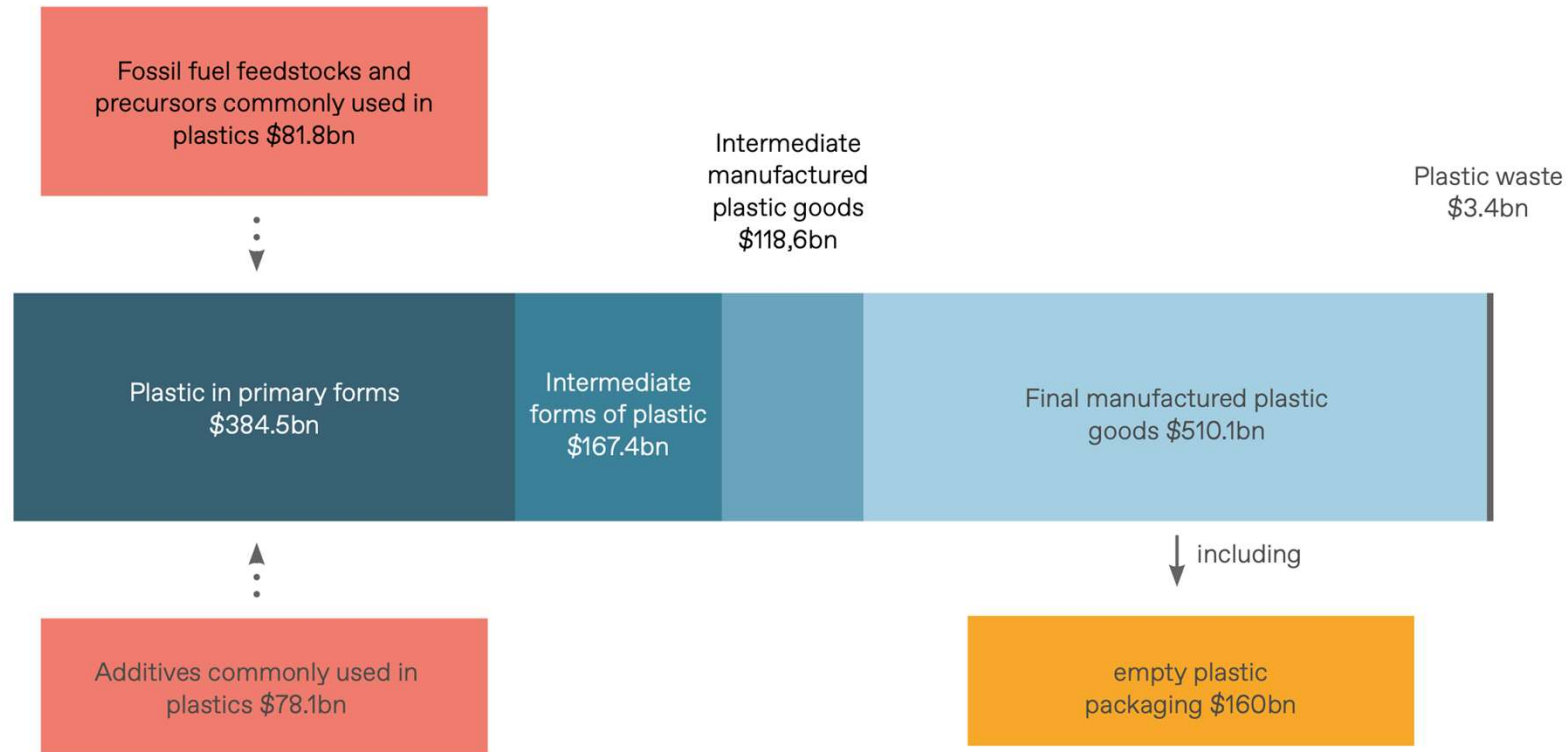
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# Trade Across the Plastics Life Cycle



# Trade Flows Across the Life Cycle of Plastics (2021)



(excluding millions of additional tonnes of hidden plastics embedded in products, used in pre-packaged products or for distribution and transportation not revealed by trade statistics)

Note: Feedstocks, precursors, and additives are inputs used in plastic production and processing. The values noted in this figure are for the total amount of trade, recognizing that not all of the trade of all of the products included in those values will be destined for use in plastics. Empty plastic packaging is included in the value for final manufactured plastic goods.



Plastics Trade Database

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## Poor transparency trade flows across plastics life cycle

### Missing data on:

- plastic packaging integral to packaged products
- share of embedded plastics in products
- packaging used for transportation & distribution

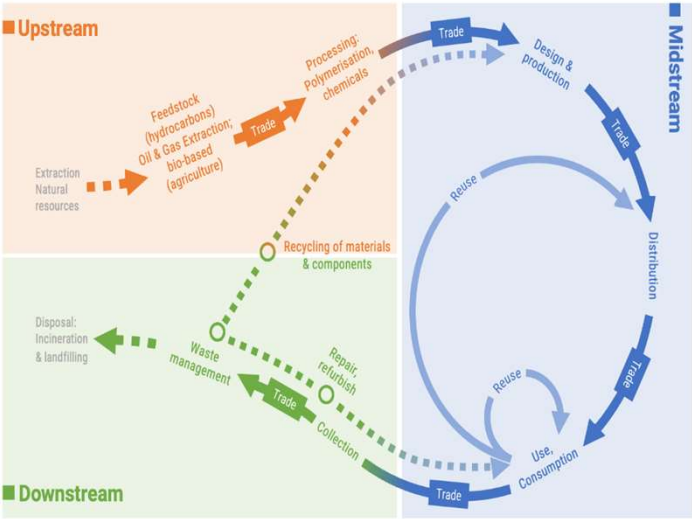
### Limited detail, poor differentiation on:

- primary plastics by polymer & feedstock
- chemical additives
- single-use plastics of high environmental concern
- material composition of plastic products & waste
- plastic wastes

392310	Plastics; boxes, cases, crates and similar articles for the conveyance or packing of goods
392321	Ethylene polymers; sacks and bags (including cones), for the conveyance or packing of goods
392329	Plastics; sacks and bags (including cones), for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics other than ethylene polymers
392330	Plastics; carboys, bottles, flasks and similar articles, for the conveyance or packing of goods
392340	Plastics; spools, cops, bobbins and similar supports, for the conveyance or packing of goods
392350	Plastics; stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, for the conveyance or packing of goods
392390	Plastics; articles for the conveyance or packing of goods n.e.c. in heading no. 3923
392410	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics
630531	Sacks and bags; of a kind used for the packing of goods, of polyethylene or polypropylene strip or the like
630532	Sacks and bags; of a kind used for the packing of goods, of man-made textile materials, flexible intermediate bulk containers
630533	Sacks and bags; of a kind used for the packing of goods, of man-made textile materials, of polyethylene or polypropylene strip or the like, not flexible intermediate bulk containers
560811	Twine, cordage or rope; fishing nets, made up of man-made textile materials
560819	Other knotted netting of twine, cordage or rope; made-up fishing nets and other made-up nets, of textile materials

# Ending Plastic Pollution Requires Trade-related Interventions

...across the life cycle



...using a systems change approach to transform global value chains

- Reduce
- Eliminate
- Restrict
- Design & Manufacture
- Substitute
- Reuse & Reuse Systems
- Repair
- Recycle
- Safe Disposal
- Safe Management

...and cooperation on a variety of trade & trade-related policy tools

- Bans
- Restriction Measures
- Regulatory Cooperation
- Fees or Taxes
- Standards
- Trade Promotion
- Trade Facilitation
- Customs
- Subsidies reform
- Government procurement
- Transparency & reporting
- Non-party trade measures

# Sample of Pathways for Trade-related Cooperation on Plastic Pollution

## MEAS

- Global Plastics Treaty
- Basel & Stockholm Conventions

## 'System-wide' engagement & contributions from UN family, international organizations & processes

- WTO Dialogue on Plastics Pollution
- UNCTAD
- UNEP
- World Customs Organization
- International Organization on Standardization
- Interpol & UN Office on Drugs & Crime
- International Maritime Organization
- World Bank, regional development banks, Global Environment Facility
- Regional organisations and processes
- OECD

# Sample of Potential Trade-related Elements in Plastics Treaty

- Reducing overall supply of primary plastic polymers to sustainable levels.
  - Binding obligations to control the production, import and export of primary plastic polymers & trade with non-parties
- Eliminating & restricting unnecessary, avoidable, problematic plastics harmful to health & environment
  - Binding obligations that restrict, prohibit or control the production, import and export of certain primary plastics polymers, precursors, chemical additives, plastic products and wastes & trade with non-parties
- Regulating plastic products placed on the market
  - Global rules -- only plastic products adhering to agreed criteria produced, imported, exported and put on the market
- Promoting sustainable production & consumption, & safe circularity
  - International cooperation on criteria, targets & standards to drive systems change across global value chains
- Promoting transparency in production and trade
  - Of data on quantities of plastics, materials, chemical and products
  - Of material composition of products and materials that cross borders
  - Traceability and labelling across plastics value chains

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# Thank you!

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