Cameroon’s imports: “informal” transit trade

- Informal border trade from Republic of Congo and Central African Republic
- Significant “mixing” of shipments in Kribi and Douala ports
- Difficult to demonstrate in official trade data
Cameroon: questionable import data

Source: Cameroon import data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
Cameroon: questionable import data

- Furniture imports are mainly declared from China, EU, and US

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Moving on to exports...
Top 4 destinations for timber products from Cameroon

- Almost 50% of Cameroon’s exports go to EU
- About 33% goes to China

Source: Cameroon export data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
Cameroon’s Timber Product Exports

- Primarily exporting sawn wood and logs
- Also some veneer

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Cameroon’s Timber Product Exports

Source: Cameroon export data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
Top EU Member States importing from Cameroon

Source: EU import data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
EU: Timber product imports from Cameroon

Source: EU import data from UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
USA: Timber product imports from Cameroon

Source: US import data from UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends
CANADA: Timber product imports from Cameroon

Source: Canada’s National Statistics Agency, compiled by Forest Trends
AUSTRALIA: Timber product imports from Cameroon

Source: Australia imports data from UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends
LOGS: Cameroon’s exports

- EU is #3 destination
- US and Australia not listed as significant log importers

Source: Cameroon export data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
LOGS: EU’s Top 10 Suppliers

Source: EU import data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
SAWN WOOD: Cameroon’s exports

Source: Cameroon export data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
SAWN WOOD: EU’s Top 10 Suppliers

Source: EU import data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
EU’s sawn wood imports from Cameroon

Source: EU import data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
SAWN WOOD: USA’s Top 10* Suppliers

*Excluding Canada, which is USA’s #1 sawn wood supplier

Source: EU import data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
Ports of Entry: USA’s sawn wood imports from Cameroon

Source: US import data from Global Trade Atlas, compiled by Forest Trends
EU’s veneer imports from Cameroon

Source: EU import data on UN Comtrade, compiled by Forest Trends.
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