China’s Administration of Timber Importation/Exportation and the Customs Clearance Procedure

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1. Related laws and regulations on importation/exportation administration

1.1 Main legislations on timber importation/exportation administration

- Foreign Trade Law
- Customs Law
- Import/export Commodity Inspection Law
- Entry/Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine Law
- Regulation of the Administration of Import and Export of Goods
- CITES and its relative resolutions and decisions.
- Regulation of the Administration of Endangered Wildlife Import and Export
- Measures for the Administration of Goods Import/Export Permit
1.2 Administration of timber import/export permit

- Prepare the Commodity Catalogue of Import/Export Wildlife Species and implement the permit management system.

Certificate for Allowing the Import/Export of Endangered Species and the Certificate of Species Not Included in the Certificate of Allowing the Import/Export of Endangered Species, while the former Certificate further includes two types of certificates, i.e., CITES and Non-CITES.
1.3 China customs’ measures to strengthen the oversight of timber importation and exportation

- Fight harshly against the smugglings, and improve the efficiency of timber import/export administration
- Enhance personnel trainings, and increase their knowledge of species
- Apply for risk analysis to uplift the oversight efficiency.
- Reinforce the dissemination, and create a good external environment for law enforcement.
2. Customs clearance procedures

Importation:
- 承运人舱单申报
- 经营单位货物申报
- 审单
- 征税
- 查验
- 放行
- 舱单核销
- 统计

Exportation:
- 经营单位货物申报
- 审单
- 征税
- 查验
- 放行
- 承运人提交清洁舱单
- 舱单核销
- 结关
- 统计
Clearance procedures for timber importation

Load timber and transport them into China
Customs manifest declaration

The electronic data of customs manifest are typed in by carriers and then declared to the Customs via web.

The customs specify the electronic data of customs manifest of imported timber.
Importers draws up the waybill at the freight transfer points
Apply for the inspection and quarantine by importers

Importers apply for the inspection and quarantine at the inspection and quarantine office with the waybill and apply for the Entry Clearance Form of Goods
Customs declaration by importers

Importers file the electronic declaration form at the pre-registration window in the customs declaration hall and print the paper-based declaration form.
Customs’ review of declaration form

The Customs Clearance Department reviews the paper-based and electronic declaration form and permits or certificates provided by importers.
Customs’ collection of duties

Importers pay the customs duties in banks with the duty memo.
Customs inspection

Customs Inspection Department carries out the selective inspection of imported goods in light of the data given in the declaration form.
The Customs Logistic Monitoring Department makes the customs clearance of electronic data in the H2000 system and stamps clearance on the waybill and declaration form. Up to now, the customs administration and oversight end.
Unloading or on-the-ground processing

Importers apply for the international through railway transport or transportation or on-the-ground processing at the railway transfer point with the waybill stamped clearance.
3. Recommendations for combatting illegal logging and related trade

Import:

logs: 45.159 mil m³

Sawntimber: 24.043 mil m³

New Zealand, Russia and the USA
Export:

**Wooden furniture**: 19.44 billion USD;
**Plywood**: 5.03 billion USD

the USA, Europe, Japan, etc.
China Customs

[Image of a forest and wildlife]

[Image of deforestation]

[Image of a group of people in a meeting]
- Enhance the dissemination among the importers and exporters, and make them fully understand the significance of combatting illegal logging and related trade;

- Speed up the legislation process on illegal logging and related trade in China

- Build support in the forest restoration in forest product exporting countries to promote the afforestation in there
Thank you!