Overview of China’s Timber Imports & Exports

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Agenda

- China’s timber imports
  - Main products?
  - Main supplier countries?
  - Hardwood vs softwood
- China’s timber exports
  - Global trade partners
  - Main products to US/EU?
  - To which EU member states?
  - China’s market share in US/EU
China: Domestic production flat while imports are rising
China’s forest product imports by volume

Source: Chinese customs statistics
China’s timber product imports by volume

Source: Chinese customs statistics
China’s timber product imports by source country & value

Source: Chinese customs statistics
China’s softwood log imports by source country

Source: Chinese customs statistics
China’s hardwood log imports by source country

Source: Chinese customs statistics
China’s timber product exports (to world) by value

44% goes to US and EU

Source: Chinese customs statistics
China’s timber product exports to US by volume

Source: Chinese customs statistics
China’s timber product exports to EU by volume

Source: Chinese customs statistics
China’s timber product exports to EU

Over 75% of export volume goes to 5 EU member states

Source: Chinese customs statistics
China’s furniture exports to EU in 2014

Source: Chinese customs statistics
China’s plywood exports to EU in 2014

Source: Chinese customs statistics
What portion of the EU’s timber product imports come from China?

Source: IMM Analysis of Eurostat COMEXT; Rupert Oliver
US imports of logs, sawn wood, veneer, and plywood (other than from Canada)

Source: United States International Trade Commission; James Hewitt
US imports of other timber products (other than from Canada)

Source: United States International Trade Commission; James Hewitt
Stay tuned

- Forest Trends is preparing a China trade update using 2000 – 2014 customs statistics
Thank you

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China’s timber product exports by volume

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What portion of the EU’s timber product imports come from China?
China Rosewood: Log imports by country & furniture export destinations