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Chinese Importers for Timber Raw Materials – Wood Logs China Imports

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China's log imports in 2018 totalled 59.75 million. Main countries supplying China with “timber and articles of timber (HS: 44)” are Russia, United States, New Zealand, Thailand, and Australia. The country's reliance on timber imports is expected to keep growing in the next few years due the shortage of domestic quality raw timber supply.

China Wood Import Statistics

China's reliance on timber imports is expected to keep growing in the next few years, the country's demands for solid quality raw timber materials to keep China wood industry going further. The domestic supply deficiency for raw timber materials in China drives up the volumes of China wood imports.

At present, main countries supplying China with “timber and articles of timber (HS: 44)” are Russia (4692.1 USD millions), United States (3080.85 USD millions), New Zealand (2566.7 USD millions), Thailand (1604.18 USD millions), and Australia (1500.05 USD millions).

Specifically, with “timber in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared (HS: 4403)”, main countries supplying China are New Zealand (2451.23 USD millions), United States (1392.28 USD millions), Russia (1296.56 USD millions), Papua New Guinea (803.78 USD millions), and Australia (619.55 USD millions).

The positions of the leading suppliers of timber and timber products in the Chinese market have also changed. For timber product (HS:44) supplier countries, Russia sits on the top, then United States, New Zealand; for suppliers of timber products (HS: 4403) the top supplier is New Zealand, then United States, Russia position is the third among supplier’s countries with timber in the rough, whether stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared (HS: 4403).

Raw Timber Materials Market Opportunities in China

As for raw timber materials market opportunities in China. In terms of market demand and supply which opened more chances for timber importers/exporters and timber merchants.

In recent years, to meet the needs of China timber market demand, there has been substantial expansion of timber transportation in central and Eastern Europe. Such as, Chengdu -Central Europe line has surpassed 2000 times in June 2018. The local Chinese timber importers kept on adapting the new changes began to move to the terminal areas of the liners to conduct its timber businesses.

In addition, With the intention of meeting the timber market and industrial needs, China and Europe have launched a "timber customization regular trains", there will be 300 lines are expected to open soon which will impact on the timber market and transport pattern.

Timber import to China keeps growing; soon China’s reliance on imports and main foreign suppliers for raw timber materials remains strong. At present, China already is the top timber consumer in the world. During the past few years, the actual consumption of timber in China increased by nearly 18% to 192.5 million cubic meters, as a related report indicates.

Construction, papermaking, and furniture industrial ongoing demand for more quality raw timber materials as part of the production plan. Consequently, the production and consumption volume drive up the import volume due to China shortage of solid quality timber. In the past few years, China timber imports rose from 48.4% to 56.4%, and as expected that, China's reliance on timber imports will keep growing in the next few years.

China Timber Import Potentials and Regulations

China timber market potentials are huge in the next few years. In fact, about 20 million households need new housing each year in China, and the rural market potential is still huge, as related research indicated.

Moreover, there are more than 600 regional level cities, more than 2100 county level cities, and more than 12000 townships and towns in local China. The China timber market potentials is enormous in the next few years, it is the right time for foreign related timber businesses enter into China, to benefit China market opportunities.

However, [there are also some challenges which foreign timber exporters are facing, especially with China customs control and [wood import regulations China](#). There are several basic key points, foreign timber exporters should draw attention to.

For instance, If the timber supplier exports its products to China in the initial stage, not only to monitor the entire delivery process is essential, but also advised to begin with a small quantity delivery of goods to the port and monitor each process there, to learn managing it better with experiences, later, with added larger supply volumes,

Furthermore, pay attention to the delivery date which accuracy can save unnecessary expenses in Chinese custom house. In addition, to understand Wood Import Regulations China customs control is important to move your timber materials into China, to achieve goal, make some revenues with timer businesses, imports, and exports.

Wood Pellet to China: World's Largest Timber Importer

China is the world's largest importer of timber, and the second largest timber consumer in the world. With the speed of China rising economy, there is an intensifying demand for raw timber materials in China, mainly from industries of construction, papermaking, and furniture industrial.

However, there is a shortage of solid raw wood materials which hampers Chinese manufacturers to produce solid wood products that China market is in demand year by year, mainly quality wood furniture, like tables, chairs, cabinets, including quality wood flooring parquet, etc.

Some research pointed out that [timber import to China, 2019-2023 worth USD 60 billion](#), this rise could be the result of the boom of the housing estate industry in China which led to growing needs for quality raw timber materials in house decorating.

In fact, China doesn't have much quality timber raw materials to manufacture solid wood products, consequently, import quality wood to China is increasing, as might be expected, the Chinese market will provide global forestry enterprises with numerous opportunities in the next few years, there are Chinese importers for timber raw materials hectically engaging in wood logs China import.

For those companies who are engaged in timber import/exports businesses, and would like to find reliable [Chinese importers](#), the [Database of Chinese Importers for Timber Raw Materials](#) is available. For further information. Please contact [DCCC](#)- the organization assists foreign companies to connect with reliable Chinese importers, distributors.

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