

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ANTI-DUMPING COMPLAINT CONCERNING IMPORTS OF BIRCH PLYWOOD FROM RUSSIA

1. Product concerned

The product concerned is defined as:

Plywood consisting solely of sheets of wood, each ply not exceeding 6 mm thickness, with outer plies of wood specified under subheading 4412 33, with at least one outer ply of birch wood, whether or not coated, currently falling under CN code ex 4412 33 00.

Birch plywood is an engineered wood sheet material consisting of the outer layers of birch wood veneers and the core stock consisting of either birch wood or other wood species such as poplar, pine or aspen, attached together using glue. Birch plywood is a multifunctional end product suitable for many applications, and is commonly used in construction, furniture manufacturing, transport industry, packaging and other applications.

2. Case summary

Standing: The complaint is brought by the Woodstock Consortium acting on behalf of the Union producers of birch plywood (complainants and supporting producers) representing an overwhelming majority (59%) of the total EU production of the product concerned.

Dumping: The complaint contains information on normal value and export prices of the Russian exporting producers based on both the EU Complainants' own market intelligence as well as on widely used and authoritative industry sources. The complaint demonstrates very high levels of dumping, ranging from 23% to 84%.

Injury and causation: The Union industry of birch plywood is suffering the material injury which is caused by the dumped imports from Russia. Such injury is a clear consequence of both the continuously increasing import volumes from Russia which reached an all-time high in 2019 and during the IP, and extremely low import prices which reached record low levels in the most recent past. Such pressure from imports from Russia forced the EU producers of birch plywood to lower their prices in order to remain competitive and spare the EU mills from idling. As a result of such price suppression due to dumped imports from Russia the Union industry's production and sales decreased significantly, leading to plummeting profitability and employment losses of more than 1.400 workers between 2017 and the IP.

The complaint also shows that there is no break in the causal link between dumped imports from Russia and the material injury to the Union industry due to other factors.

Union interest: The complaint demonstrates that non-imposition of anti-dumping measures against imports from Russia will continue to cause material injury to the Union industry of birch plywood and that the very existence of the Union industry of birch plywood is therefore at stake. At the same time, the objective of anti-dumping measures is to level the playing field and their imposition should not therefore prevent imports from Russia entering the EU. This, in its turn, will have minimal if any impact on the downstream industry's costs.

3. Interested parties

Complainants and supporting producers:

- Bydgoskie Zakłady Sklejek "Sklejka Multi" S.A.
- Company A
- Latvijas Finieris Group
- Paged Group
- Piotrkowskie Zakłady Przemysłu Sklejek Sp. z o. o.

- Sklejka Orzechowo S.A.
- Zaklady Przemysly Sklejek "Biaform" S.A.

Exporting producers:

- Arkhangelsk plywood plant
- Bashkirskaia LPK - «Ufa Plywood Factory» LLC
- Bashkirskaia LPK - Ufimskiy plywood plant
- Bryansk plywood plant
- Chebarkulsky plywood plant
- Cherepovets Plywood & Furniture Plant
- CJSC "Murom"
- Delta Investments Group
- Demidovo Plywood Mill Ltd
- Gremyachinsk woodworking plant
- Inzensky "Fanwerk"
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- JSC "FANPLAST" Plywood mill
- JSC "Technoflex" (JSC "Paris Commune")
- JSC "Krasnyi Yakor"
- JSC "Nelidovskiy DOK"
- JSC Orion
- Krasfan plywood plant
- LLC "Investforest"
- LLC "Kaduysky Plywood Plant"
- LLC Buryat Plywood Plant "Olhon"
- Murashi plywood factory
- Nizhny Novgorod plywood plant
- Nordplit
- OTJSC "Zelenodolsk Plywood factory"
- Parfinsky FC
- Petroneft-Biysk
- Plytera
- Plywood Plant "Vlast Truda"
- Rusbir plywood plant
- Sangira+
- Segezha - Kirovsky plywood plant
- Segezha - Vyatsky plywood plant
- Siberian plywood mill
- Smolensky plywood plant
- Solikamsk plywood plant
- Starwood Artadosvky plant
- Starwood Bobylevka plant
- Starwood Fandera plant
- Starwood Fanprom plant
- Starwood Syavsky plant
- Starwood Uzola plant
- Sveza Kostroma
- Sveza Manturovo
- Sveza Novator
- Sveza Upper Sinyachikha
- Sveza Uralsky
- Sveza Ust-Izhora
- Syktyvkar Plywood Mill Ltd.
- Tavda Plywood Complex LLC
- United Panel Group - "Zheshartsky LPK"
- United Panel Group - "ZHLPK - Separate subdivision in Balezino"
- UPM Chudovo Plywood Mill
- Usteles
- Voronezh plywood plant
- Yartsevsky plywood plant