

An Overview of Forest Products Markets in the Sverdlovsk Region of Russia



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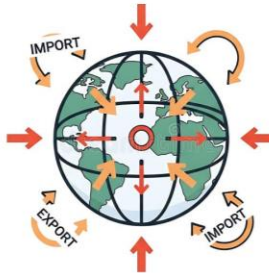
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Sverdlovsk Region



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Sverdlovsk Region Roundwood Harvest (2021)



Category	Volume, 1,000 m ³	%
Coniferous sawlogs	1,563.2	22.0
Coniferous pulpwood	923.7	13.0
Broadleaf (hardwood) pulpwood	852.7	12.0
Veneer wood	753.2	10.6
Deciduous sawlogs	739.0	10.4
Decayed wood	355.3	5.0
Construction timber	142.1	2.0
Firewood, total	1,776.3	25.0
TOTAL	7,105.5	100

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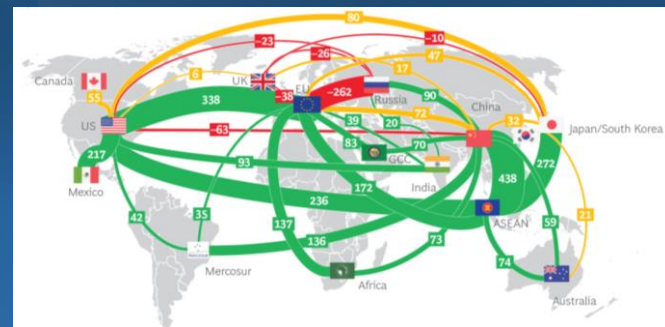
Secondary Wood Products

(2021)



	Production Volume	Export Volume	Export Share of Production Volume, %
Unprocessed timber, 1,000 m ³	5,200.0	195.0	3.8%
Fuelwood, 1,000 m ³	1,740.0	54.2	3.1%
Wood sawn or split, divided into layers or peeled with a thickness of more than 6 mm, 1,000 m ³	730.0	714.7	97.9%
Plywood, 1,000 m ³	232.0	209.0	90.1%
Particleboards and similar wood panels, 1,000 m ³	56.0	34.9	62.3%
Paper and cardboard, 1,000 tons	47.0	8.0	17.0%
Fiberboards and similar wood boards, million m ²	11.1	1.8	16.2%
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However, Russia's timber and wood-based products exports have declined by about 50% between 2021 and 2025

Russia exported roughly \$8.4 billion to \$8.5 billion in wood and paper products globally in 2025, redirecting timber trade toward Asian and neighboring non-Western markets due to international sanctions.

Major Destinations for Russian Wood Exports

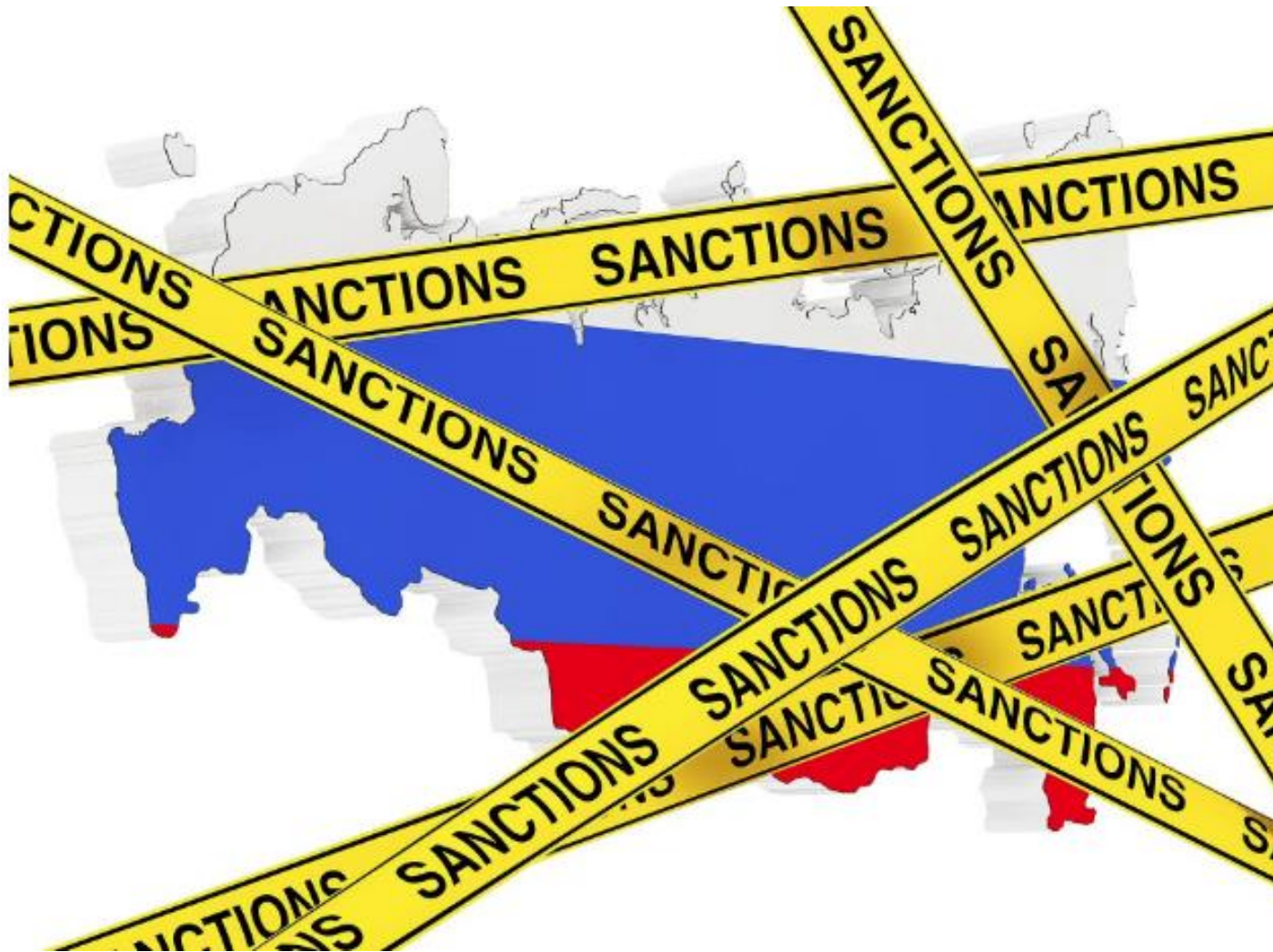
- **China:** Remains the single largest buyer of Russian wood and sawn timber, accounting for billions in trade value.
- **Central & West Asia:** Countries like **Uzbekistan** and **Kazakhstan** import substantial shares of Russian sawn wood and wood products.
- **Middle East & North Africa:** **Egypt** and **Turkey** increased or maintained significant import volumes for Russian lumber and sawn wood.
- **Indirect European Routes:** Despite direct bans, smaller volumes of Russian timber products continue entering European markets indirectly, laundered through intermediary countries like China, Turkey, and Central Asian states.

Barriers to Sector Development



1. Lack of a common marketing strategy.
2. Lack of a regional forest sector development program.
3. Lack of coordinated and effective advertising campaign.
4. Passive sales policies and strategies.
5. Poor development of transport and logistics infrastructure.
6. Remoteness from the main buying centers.
7. Small and inaccessible database of potential buyers, exporters, and product availability.
8. Underdeveloped dealer network.

Barriers to Sector Development



The Future



Near-Term
Bleak



Long-Term
Uncertain





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