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Industry Applauds EU's Investigation into Unfair Hardwood Plywood Imports from China

All such Chinese Imports to be Registered at EU borders forthwith

Brussels, 11th October 2024 – The Greenwood Consortium applauds the EU's launch of a new anti-dumping investigation into unfairly priced Chinese hardwood plywood imports and the announced registration at the border of all such imports as they enter the EU. This timely move is in response to a complaint filed by the Consortium on behalf of 9 leading European hardwood plywood producers.

"This investigation is crucial to protect the entire EU hardwood plywood value chain, from forest owners, loggers and suppliers to producers," a Greenwood Consortium spokesperson said. "Unfairly priced Chinese imports - now apparently also using cheap conflict Russian timber that is banned in the EU - threaten the survival of many European businesses and jobs. This investigation is essential to ensure fair trade and a level playing field for our industry and the value chains that support us."

The investigation will now examine whether Chinese producers are indeed dumping hardwood plywood in the EU, and what the consequences of those practices for European businesses are. Several other countries and markets, including the US, Morocco, Turkey and South Korea, have already taken action to protect their own industries from similar unfair trade practices.

Procedurally the initiation of the investigation will now require all imports of Chinese Hardwood Plywood to be registered at EU borders for the first time. This would enable European customs officials to collect additional duties retroactively should any additional duties be imposed as a result of the Commission's findings when this investigation is concluded.

The Greenwood Consortium and its supporters are committed fully to cooperating with the European Commission to ensure a successful outcome for the industry and its workers.

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About the Greenwood Consortium:

Established in 2023, as an ad hoc Consortium by leading EU producers of hardwood plywood from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Latvia, Italy, Poland, and Spain, Greenwood leverages trade policy instruments to further its commitment to fostering a level playing field that ensures fairness and sustainability in the EU hardwood plywood industry.

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