



FORESTRY STATISTICS(68)

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1. GENERAL BACKGROUND (1.)

Eurostat's forestry statistics cover data on production and trade in wood and products derived from wood. Since the mid-1990s the collection of these statistics is carried out in co-operation with the Intersecretariat Working Group (IWG), bringing together the FAO, UNECE, ITTO and Eurostat.



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1. GENERAL BACKGROUND (2.)

The IWG coordinates the activities between the organisations with the aim of reducing duplication and improving data quality. One common questionnaire (The Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire, JFSQ) is used for data collection; Eurostat is responsible for EU-25 and EFTA countries' data.



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2. THE ACQUIS

There is no legal base for forestry statistics. Data collection is based on a gentleman's agreement.

Statistics are collected annually on production, imports, exports, extra-EU imports and exports for:

- Roundwood
- Sawnwood and Wood-based panels
- Pulp, Paper and paperboard
- secondary processed wood and paper products



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3. MOST PROBLEMATIC ISSUES

The collection of data on forest products is more and more affected by statistical confidentiality of national data sources. Because of this the number of estimates in forestry database has grown, which affects the data quality (accuracy, clarity, comparability).



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4. FUTURE ACQUIS

At the moment no legislation is foreseen in the domain.