



July 31 Map: Wood Market In China

Whether producing chopsticks or rocking chairs, plywood or paper, the wood industry is growing at a torrid pace. Imports of raw materials in the way of logs have soared from 3.2 million m3 in 1996 to over 29 million in 2005. At the same time, exports of plywood have soared to 670,000m3 in 2000 to 4.3 million in 2004, with Pizhou, Zhejiang producing the majority of the exported products. While the government slapped taxes on flooring and chopsticks to reign in logging, it is promoting the construction of new “bases” of industry to capture opportunities.

