



UNECE/FAO perspective
on Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire

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JFSQ contents

The JFSQ consists of a series of standard questionnaires (JQ1, JQ2, JQ3), organization-specific questionnaires (ECE/EU, EU1-2, ITTO1-3), direction of trade questionnaires and HS/SITC correspondence tables and definitions.

Copies of the JQ can be found at <http://www.unece.org/timber/mis/jfsq2008/>



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Timing

- The JFSQ is issued in early April each year with an initial response date of May 15 (for JQ1 and JQ2). It is not expected that these are final data.
- These replies form the basis for the *Annual Market Review* and the initial dataset made available at ECE and FAO in August.
- The remaining questionnaires and updates are expected in the fall with publication taking place in January.



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Data Exchange - I

Within country

Ministries (Industry, Environment)

Statistical Office

State Forestry Service

National Correspondent

Industry or Trade Associations

UNECE



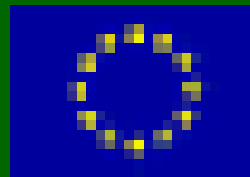
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Data Exchange - II

International

EU/EFTA countries



ITTO producer countries



Other ECE members



Other FAO members



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Intersecretariat Working Group

JFSQ International organizations had been meeting on statistical issues since 1980s



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IWG and its procedures (1)

The IWG operates on the principal that each country should have a national correspondent and that there should be only one primary contact for the correspondent. This means all request for information go through one international agency to one correspondent.



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IWG and its procedures (2)

The primary tool of data collection is the JFSQ.

The IWG has agreed that data questions should only be asked once of a country and that the same data should exist in all international datasets.

Each member publishes data on its own responsibility and own schedule.



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IWGG and its procedures (3)

Information on IWGG meetings can be found at: www.unece.org/trade/mis/iwgg

The last meeting was February 2008 and another meeting is planned for next January.



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Data quality – what we do

- Arithmetic check
- Year on year change
- Unit value
- Apparent consumption
- Estimate certain items that are missing or unrealistic
- Roundwood availability



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Data quality – better coverage

- Need more countries to contribute
- Need better coverage from countries that do contribute
- Confidentiality
- Networks



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Data quality – estimates

- “Simple”
- “Technical”
- “Analyst”



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Data quality – problems

- multiple sources of information
- Harmonised System constraints
- Products with non-standard units
- Unreported data
- Misreported data
- Definitions not matching or incorrectly applied



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Data quality – solutions

- “education” – bi-directional
- Data validation in questionnaire
- Improve in-country network
- Change JQ over time in reaction to political demands
- Indicate nomenclature and definitional changes to users
- Change national data collection to fit better to international requests



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Thank You !

**We welcome your comments on
the international collection of
forest products statistics**



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