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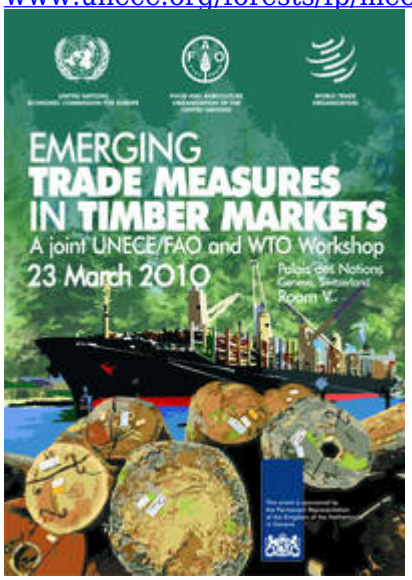

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Background

Increasingly, timber is a globally traded commodity, along with its derived products. Trade flows, especially of processed timber goods, have grown over the last decades, In this context, some stakeholders believe that despite attempts to minimize obstacles to the free flow of timber products, emerging measures, notably non-tariff ones, are increasingly affecting trade in these products. However, others feel that challenges facing the sector, such as forest degradation and loss, bio-diversity impoverishment, promotion of sustainable management of forests and climate change warrant new thinking.

This one-day workshop co-organized with the Economic Research and Statistics Division of the WTO Secretariat was held on 23 March 2010.

Objectives

Led by expert presentations, workshop participants did discuss the economic impacts of trade and trade-related measures on timber markets. The workshop took into account the role of trade in timber markets and the link between trade liberalization and key challenges facing the forest-based sector. The programme did allow ample time for discussion and frank exchanges of views.

Presentations

Please note the audio is available in English (as spoken) and Russian (interpretation). To access the language, open the .mp3 file and tune the balance to either the left (English) or right (Russian) side.

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Growing trade of wood and paper products	Mr. Ed Pepke, Acting Chief, UNECE/FAO Timber Section	PDF	MP3
State of play and key challenges in the timber markets	Mr. Marc Bacchetta, Counsellor, WTO	PDF	MP3
Tariffs in the timber market and Doha Development Agenda negotiations, a Canadian perspective	Mr. Christopher O'Toole, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada, Geneva	PDF	MP3
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Trade impact of Russian log export taxes, a Finnish perspective	Dr. Timo Karjalainen, Professor, Finnish Forest Research Institute	PDF	MP3
Trade impact of Russian log export taxes, a Russian perspective	Mr. Denis Sokolov, Chief Executive Officer, Wood Industries Confederation of North West Russia	PDF	MP3 RUS only
Possible impact of subsidies on timber markets	Ms. Barbara Fliess, Senior Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	PDF	MP3
The Forest sector in a green economy	Ms. Maryanne Grieg-Gran, Director, International Institute for Environment and Development	PDF	MP3
Roundtable on measures designed to fight against illegal logging and other non-tariff measures			
	Mr. Duncan Brack, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House	PDF	MP3
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	Mr. Felip de Jaeger, Secretary General, European Confederation of Wood-working Industries (CEI-Bois)	speech only	MP3
	Mr. Guido Broekhoven, Senior Forest Governance Officer, International for Conservation of Nature	PDF	MP3
Role and importance of phytosanitary measures in timber markets			
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