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EU Industry takes note of the Commission's Preliminary Disclosure of Anti-dumping Duties on Hardwood Plywood from China

Urges Vigilance on Circumvention

Brussels, 12 May 2025 – The Greenwood Consortium takes note of the Commission's suggested duties released in the pre-disclosure but urges the Commission to remain vigilant and go further.

This decision comes in the context of the ongoing EU anti-dumping investigation against imports of hardwood plywood from China which was launched by the European Commission in October 2024 on the basis of a formal complaint filed by the EU industry representing 17 producers of hardwood plywood throughout the EU.

The Greenwood Consortium had previously identified significant dumping and injury margins for various types of Chinese hardwood plywood and the Commission's pre-disclosure, released today, clearly confirms that by setting a provisional anti-dumping duty for Pizhou Jiangshan Wood Co., Ltd at 25,1% and a duty of 62,4% for all other Chinese companies (as well as confirming the injury margins in this case as high as 144,3% and 192,7% respectively). Full details of the methodologies followed by the Commission to reach the above findings will be made available to the Greenwood Consortium for review and comments at the provisional stage of the present investigation in June 2025. The Greenwood Consortium will be preparing and filing its detailed comments to the Commission on the levels of the provisional anti-dumping duties in due course.

Since the registration of imports of hardwood plywood from China has been on-going since December 2024, the duties announced today could eventually be imposed retroactively on importers from that date should the investigation ultimately conclude with definitive duties.

A spokesperson for the Greenwood Consortium said:

> *"We welcome the Commission's suggested duties but urge the Commission to remain vigilant. We've already seen early signs of attempts to evade duties through slight and economically unjustified product modifications, as well as uncovering evidence of mislabelling and illicit Russian wood entering the EU via China. We expect the Commission to take decisive action to prevent these unfair and even illegal practices."*

Imposition of these anti-dumping duties would not cause EU end users to face an adverse selection. In addition, there are other sources of supply available to EU end users, not only from domestic EU producers themselves, but also via imports from third countries.

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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.