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TITLE: Vietnam Plantation Forestry and Wood Product Export Review 2025

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INTRODUCTION: Vietnam is the largest exporter of wood chips globally, averaging 16.3 million BDMT over the last 3 years (2023-2025). It has also developed a strong wood pellet export sector at 8.4 million tons in 2025 to become the second largest exporter behind the USA. However, it is the wooden furniture export market that generates the largest value with around 70% of the total value of wood product exports from Vietnam (USD 17 billion in 2025). The strength of these industries has been built on a foundation of established short rotation, rapid growth, plantations of acacia; supplemented with roundwood from pine and rubber plantations and a small amount of eucalyptus. Residues from the expanding furniture, plywood, veneer and sawmill sectors have also supplemented supply quantities for export fibre for pellets and wood chips.

DESCRIPTION: This report summarises wood product export value, quantities and prices from Vietnam in 2025. It also reviews the current status of forestry plantation sector in Vietnam, including area and species distribution by province; growth rates and potential future productivity; certification and sustainability challenges; forest management practices and risk factors, current government policy for plantations and wood processing industries. The report also comments on the likely future trends for each sector and the challenges that are currently being experienced. The report includes a summary of the 10 largest wood chip export ports in 2025.

METHODOLOGY: The data for forest plantation resources comes from the Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development (MARD) National Forest Industry (NFI) database. Wood trade and price data is obtained directly from industry and from government statistics. Other information and insights have been collected through desktop research of academic papers and reports and extensive field work in the major plantation growing provinces, meetings with forest owners and workers, provincial and district forest bureaus, wood traders and suppliers.

OPTIONS: Additional bespoke analysis can be completed to answer any specific questions.

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