

Europe imports more engineered parquet from China than the USA

According to its own assumption the European Federation of of Parquet Importers (EFPI) represents approximately 65% of the engineered parquet import to Europe. A couple of weeks ago the Federation published a total import of 11,470,314 sqm. of which 93% applies to pre-finished engineered parquet.

Though there are no detailed figures on the origin of the parquet imported, the EFPI suspects China to supply around 50% if the

European import. With regard to Chinese export into the USA, the EFPI is citing data of the USDA agriculture service, which published an amount of 9,000,000 s.qm. of solid and engineered parquet import from China in 2005.

From the data available the EFPI deducts that Europe is importing some 7.5 million sqm. of engineered parquet from China, while the USA are importing only 4.5 million sqm. So 50% of the Chinese export is supplied to Europe,

30% is sent into the USA, while the rest is divided among Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, India, Africa and South

America. The EFPI finally concludes: "There will definitely be a price raise for Chinese parquet products in Europe."