



Press Release

European importers issue wood flooring imports statistics for 2010

Brussels, March 2011 – The European Federation of Parquet Importers (EFPI), a European group of leading importers of engineered and solid wood floorings, today released its statistics on sales of wood flooring in Europe for 2010.

The data for the statistics for 2010 was gathered among the EFPI members: Amorim Revestimentos, Westco, Global Flooring Alliance (14 importers), Fetim, Oscar Peschardt & Co., PlyQuet representing 19 companies in total engaged in the import and distribution of wood parquet flooring in Europe.

Figures exclude intra-EFPI trade, exports, re-exports, cross trade business with markets outside Europe. However, sales are measured in the geographic territory of Europe regardless of whether the country is a member of the European Union (EU) or not.

The data compiled reveals that a total of 6,713,531m² volume of imports of wood flooring for 2010. In particular, imports of engineered floors amount to 6,155,524 m² and imports of solid flooring is 558,007m². Engineered products still represent the vast majority (92%) of EFPI's business, while solid wood flooring count for 8% of the import market.

Although an exact comparison cannot be made with previous years due to the changed sample for the calculation of the statistics, figures show that the outlook is moderately positive for European imports. Looking at the same group of companies in 2009 and in 2010 EFPI registers a slight increase of imports, a positive achievement given the trading conditions prevailing.

“The 2010 data confirms our members determination and hard work in overcoming the economic crisis which plagued Europe in recent years. We are committed to increasing our imports at a steady pace and service Europe’s demand for our products” commented the President of EFPI, Mr. Jürgen Fruchtenicht. “Furthermore we will continue to promote the benefits of our parquet imports in our outreach efforts towards EU decision-makers and stakeholders. We are looking forward to the implementation of the EU ‘Illegal Logging Regulation’ and will continue to provide our support to the EU executive in its efforts to secure certified timber imports”, concluded Fruchtenicht.

Note to the Editor:

Please see enclosed presentation with statistics.

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The European Federation of Parquet Importers (EFPI) is a Brussels-based association of leading European importers of engineered and solid wood floorings. EFPI was founded in June 2005 and aims to facilitate the discussion of ideas among importers about the promotion of wood flooring in Europe, to share information about EU legislation, standardisation and issues concerning international trade for the parquet industry

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