

European imports dominated by engineered flooring

The European Federation of Parquet Importers (EFPI), a Brussels-based association of leading importers of engineered and solid wood flooring released its statistics on sales of wood flooring throughout Europe for 2007. The data was gathered among the EFPI members Amorim Wood Supplies, Euparal, Euro Covering, Fetim, Oscar Peschardt & Co. and PlyQuet Holzimport. Figures exclude intra-EFPI trade, exports, re-exports, and cross trade business with markets outside Europe.

Looking at the same group of companies in 2006 and in 2007 EFPI registers an increase

in imports with a total of 10,337,081 sqm. of imports of wood flooring for 2007. Imports of engineered floors take a 92% share of 9,556,265 sqm. and imports of solid flooring take 780,816 sqm.

Says EFPI President, Rafael Michavila García, "The 2007 data confirms our expectations of annual growth of 8 to 10%. Our activities will focus on outreach towards decision-makers and stakeholders on EU policies and issues of interest to the industry. For instance, illegal logging and the use of certified lumber is a key concern to EFPI."