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EFPI reveals data for 2004 and 2005

Wood flooring importers sale in Europe increased by 33 %

The European Federation of Parquet Importers (EFPI), a European group of major importers of engineered and solid wood floorings, has compiled data on its sales of wood flooring in Europe. The overall outcome of the data gathered among the eight founding EFPI members (Amorim Wood Supplies GmbH, Ekowood S.A., Euro Covering S.L., Fetim BV, Houtwerf Zoeterwoude BV, Listor Lda., Oscar Peschardt & Co, Plyquet GmbH) shows a 33 % increase in sales of imported parquet between 2004 and 2005. The total volume of imported wood flooring rose from 7,940,057 to 10,579,535 sqm. The statistics do not take intra-EFPI sales into account.

When analysing specific parquet products most categories of engineered wood flooring register an increase: Imports of solid flooring have increased by 44 % and imports of engineered parquet floorings have grown by 33 %. EFPI-President Jürgen Früchtenicht commented: "The figures presented in the report demonstrate the growing importance that parquet importers and EFPI in particular have for the European engineered wood floors market."

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. The organisation will periodically issue statistics, which in the future will include data from its two recently joined members: The Union of Parquet Importers 'Euparal' and the Danish import company 'Everfloor'.

EFPI solid wood imports split

	2004	2005
Mosaic parquet	43,757 sqm	21,033 sqm (3 %)
Lamparquet	112,447 sqm	189,079 sqm (27 %)
Planks/strips	210,540 sqm	202,673 sqm (29 %)
Finger-jointed solid footing	39,046 sqm	50,368 sqm (7 %)
Decking	82,132 sqm	239,345 sqm (34 %)

EFPI imports of parquet to Europe

	2004	2005
Multilayer	7,318,169 sqm	9,678,792 sqm
2-ply	133,966 sqm	198,245 sqm
Solid parquet	487,922 sqm	702,498 sqm
Total imports	7,940,057 sqm	10,579,535 sqm