



Press Release

Confirmed growth of wood flooring import sales in 2006

The European Federation of Parquet Importers (EFPI) registered an 8.42% import rise in Europe

Brussels, 20 March 2007 – 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 2006.

The data compiled reveals an 8.42% increase in the overall sales of imported parquet between 2005 and 2006, which means a rise to 11,470,314 m2 volume. In particular, imports of engineered floors have increased by 7.59% and imports of solid have increased by 20.11% compared to last year. Engineered products represent the vast majority (93%) of EFPI's business, while solid wood flooring count for 7% of the import market.

The data for the statistics was gathered among all EFPI members: Amorim Wood Supplies GmbH, Ekowood SA, Euparal, Euro Covering S.L., Everfloor, Fetim BV, Houtwerf Zoeterwoude BV, Oscar Peschardt & Co., PlyQuet Holzimport GmbH. It excludes 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 figures presented in the report validate our forecast and expectations for growth. The 2006 data confirms the positive trend registered in the past years and the key role that the parquet import industry has in the European wood floors market. I am proud of this result and, together with my colleagues at the Federation, I will be working to ensure that the parquet trade will continue to prosper in the future", commented the President of EFPI, Mr Rafael Michavila García. *"EFPI's commitment to the promotion of the use of parquet and the recognition of its benefits is bringing its fruits. Moreover, the representation of our group towards EU decision-makers and stakeholders on EU policies and issues of interest to the industry remains one of the primary objectives of EFPI",* concluded Mr Michavila García.

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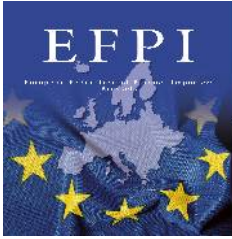
Please see enclosed presentation with statistics.

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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.