

Cyprus Timber Market Statement – September 2005

1. General economic trends affecting the forest and forest industries sector

The main economic indicators for the year 2004 (provisional) and forecasts for the year 2005 are presented in Table A. The figures show that the growth of the economy in 2004 was increased to 3,7% as compared to 1,9% in 2003. The growth for 2005 is expected to be slightly higher close to 4,0%.

As far as the forest products industry is concerned, during 2004, the growth of the value added from the previous year was 11,0% (provisional).

2. Development in forest products markets sectors

We do not expect any significant developments and/or structural changes in the forest products market for the current year and for the year 2006.

3. Tables

- Table A presents the main economic indicators for the year 2004 (provisional) and forecasts for the year 2005.
- Tables TC1 and TC2 present the forest products production and trade for the year 2004 and estimates / forecasts for the years 2005 and 2006.

Table A. Economic indicators

Year Economic Indicator	2004 (Provisional)	2005 (Forecast)
1. Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	3,7%	4,0%
2. Unemployment	3,6%	3,8%
3. Inflation	2,3%	2,5%
4. Central Government Deficit	4,2% of GDP	2,9% of GDP
5. Central Government Debt	72,1% of GDP	69,1% of GDP