



Agenda

34th Meeting of Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics

(as of 25 January 2021)

Virtual meeting hosted by FAO, Rome

09:00-13:00 hrs (GMT+1) on Tuesday-Thursday, 26th-28th January 2021

- 1) **Adoption of agenda**
- 2) **Review of the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire activities and process in 2020**
 - a) Number and quality of replies
 - b) Successes/problems
 - c) Data dissemination-
 - d) Data validation - discrepancies identified:
 - i) Apparent consumption
 - ii) Annual changes
 - iii) Unit price
 - iv) No changes
 - e) Data exchanges among partner organizations
 - f) Ancillary statistical activities by individual organizations
 - g) Pending issues from previous meetings
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- 3) **The JFSQ cycle in 2021**
 - a) 2020 JFSQ revision/improvements
 - b) Deadlines and data exchanges
- 4) **Incorporating trade data from COMTRADE** (FAO presentation on trade flows work)
- 5) **Input on global classifications**
 - a) HS2027 round (initial ideas for new codes, responsibilities and timing)
 - b) Other classifications
- 6) **Other Business**
 - a) Organizational and staff changes

- b) National correspondents
- c) Place and date of 35th IWG meeting (2022)

7) Meetings of Interest to IWG

2)g) Pending issues from previous meetings

Para in IWG 33rd meeting notes	Pending issues/action point	Status
2 f)	<p>ECE to FAO: preliminary data with corrections arrived on time. Final dataset arrived on time but did not include several countries' new data received in October. FAO sent preliminary data corrections to ECE and new series review, ECE still to process these. FAO still to send their changes to ECE data as soon as possible.</p>	Not done in spring, but done after the following data uploads (preliminary and final 2019 data).
2 h)	<p>From prior meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECE will continue to work on improving the definition of chips and particles. <p>Not done</p>	Still not done.
2 h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITTO will send an official letter signed by its Executive Director to the member countries, which have not submitted the questionnaire for the last 2 years or more. 	Done. Will continue in 2021.
2 h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITTO will also work this year on a procedure to work on monthly data in order to forecast the volumes/values of the current year. 	Done.
2 h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Canada chip production] Should be revised backward or fixed from 1998 onwards and wood residues production from 1993 onwards. Postponed to 2020. 	Not done.
2 h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECE will be trying to fix this [IRW data 1964-1989] and will share the correction file with FAO. In progress. 	Continued.
2 h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAO will provide to ECE the last changes discrepancies of January data release by Feb 2019. Not done, postponed to Jan 2020. 	
2 h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eurostat: during summer 2019, it will download the entire FAOSTAT data in order to check it with the Eurostat data and will communicate the discrepancies found with FAO data. Postponed to 2020. 	
2 h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IWG partners agreed to investigate how to clarify laminated flooring in HS 4411. FAO will go through all national extended HS codes and prepare information for the next IWG. ECE will ask European laminated flooring association. Not done. 	
2 h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECE to raise with countries the distinction of MDF and hardboard because data is getting misclassified. [Done at ToS meeting]. FAO to make a small analysis by comparing trade statistics with EPF hardboard capacity data. Will be done for ToS meeting (March 2020). 	Improved the data in 2020.

3) a) i)	<p>Possible addition of a “quality” sheet (metadata explanations) [Eurostat]</p> <p>The IWG supported the idea of the quality sheet. It should be clear that this is not to be requested every year. Some of the questions seem too specific (PRODCOM, CPA), not focused enough on JFSQ. FAO will share their data quality sheet (introduced in JQ2017). Partners can add their own specific sheets to the JFSQ.</p>	
4) a)	<p>FAO will share with partners a table with the latest status once HS2022 correlation tables are published on WCO’s website.</p>	Done
4) b)	<p>HS 2027 – proposal and timingInitial thoughts for proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split sleepers (4406), hoopwood (4404) and treated wood (4403.12) into tropical and non-tropical non-coniferous • 4403.11 split into pine/etc • 4403.12 split into oak/beach/eucalyptus, etc. • 4406.11/91 split into pine/etc • 4406.12/92 split into oak/beach/eucalyptus, etc. • Edible insects (FAO to work on it) • Chips (Latvia’s proposal in ToS 26/3/2019): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tropical, eucalyptus wood chips under 4401.22? (ITTO to confirm the need) ○ Pulp chips (size 13-45 mm, bark <1%, ash <0.5%, fresh) ○ Industrial chips (size 10-55 mm, bark <3%, ash <0.5%, sawdust allowed) ○ Energy chips (size 8-80 mm, bark <10%, ash <0.5%, moisture 40-50%) ○ Eurostat to check if this could be added to CN2021 • Separate laminated flooring from 44.11 (US has codes already) • Rosewood (<i>Dalbergia</i> and other spp) 4403, 4407, to talk to ATIBT and FAO-FLEGT • Separate shavings from 4401.49 (code exists in US, CA) • ITTO to check possible tropical species codes under 4403.4x, 4407.2x, 4409.22 • To check the latest CN • 44.16 barrels of oak <p>Timing: HS 2022 proposal was submitted in Apr 2017 and provisionally approved by WCO HS Committee in Sep 2018. Following the same timeline, the proposal for HS2027 should reach WCO in spring 2022. This and next year should be used for preparing background information. IWG 2022 should approve the draft submission for wood products.</p>	

5)	FAO has been using forestry trade flow processing procedures developed in 1996 (<i>see</i> Annex 6). Currently trade flow methodology is being revised. FAO will present the results of this work in next IWG.	
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