Work Area 1 - Forest Product Statistics

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42nd Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

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Overview

- Harmonised System trade classification
  - 2022 overview
  - 2027 plans to prepare – timeline

- Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire

- Forecast change in Timber Forecast Questionnaire publication / FPAMR

- Engineered Wood Products

- Questions to Working Party from document

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- Submitted April 2017, provisional approval September 2018, final approval June 2019

- Takes effect January 2022, assuming countries incorporate

- Hope for significant impact on wooden furniture and engineered wood products (EWP)

	Wood, paper products, furniture
Approved codes by WCO HS Committee	**37** (Briquettes, sawdust, charcoal, teak, LVL, EWPs, tropical, wooden furniture & parts)
Improved scope of codes ("Other")	**7**
Rejected by WCO	**13** (recovered post-consumer wood; fibreboard; sanitary towels/tampons/napkins of pulp/paper/cellulose)

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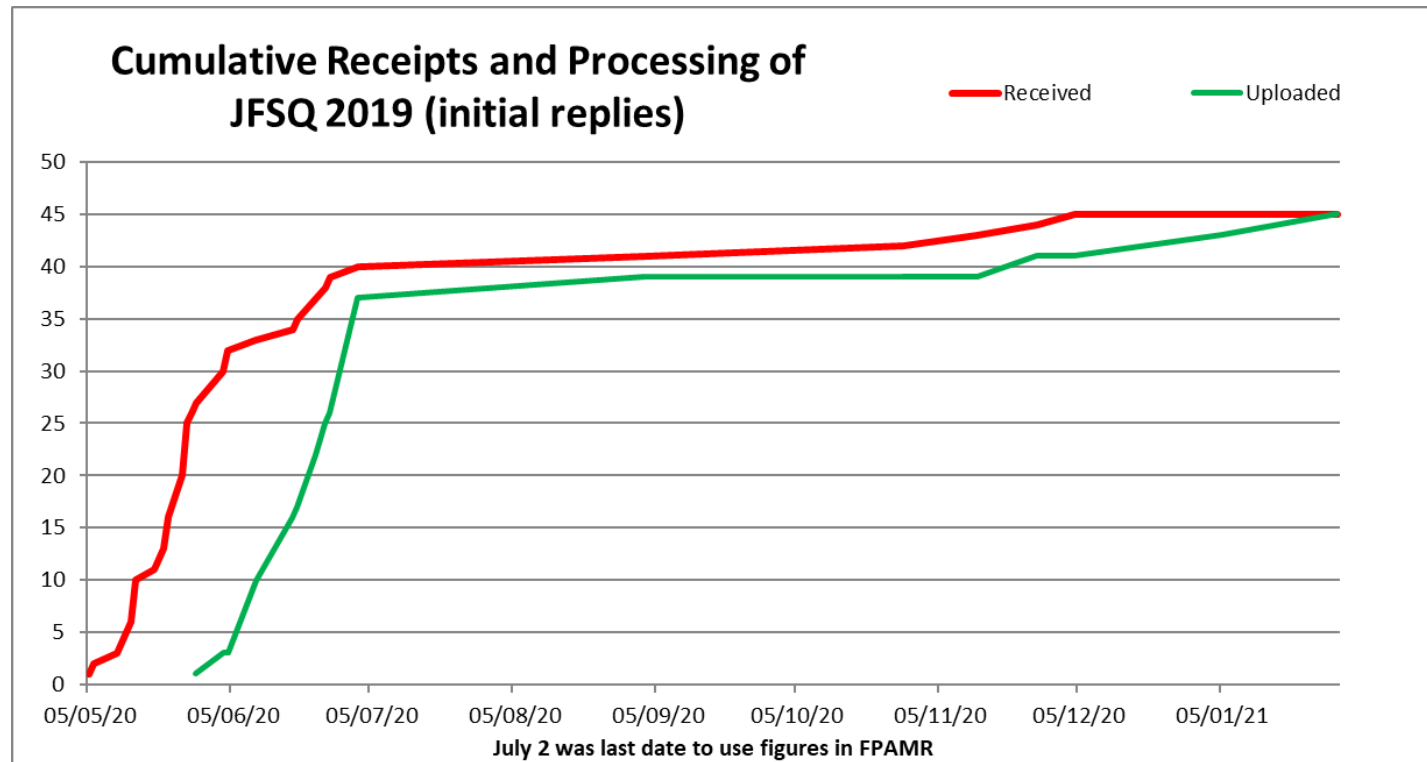
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- **January 2021** - We have a draft list, see notes from Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics (IWG).

- **During 2021** - We propose, as last time, to write letter to all members of Working Party and Team of Specialists requesting their suggestions and comments on draft list. **We ask the Working Party to support this.**

- **January 2022** Each IWG member to provide input

- **Spring or Fall 2022** - Joint proposal from IWG through FAO to World Customs Organization

- **2022-2023** – participate in WCO meetings to support proposal, request as needed support from Working Party

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Joint Forest Sector Qustionnaire

Returns and processing 2020

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Cumulative Receipts and Processing of JFSQ 2019 (initial replies)

— Received   — Uploaded

July 2 was last date to use figures in FPAMR

		2017	2018	2019	2020
June 14	Received	29	33	24	33
	Processed	11	13	2	13
July 2	Received	33	39	32	40
	Processed	37	36	22	37

Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire

Trend 2000-2020

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JFSQ replies 2000-2020

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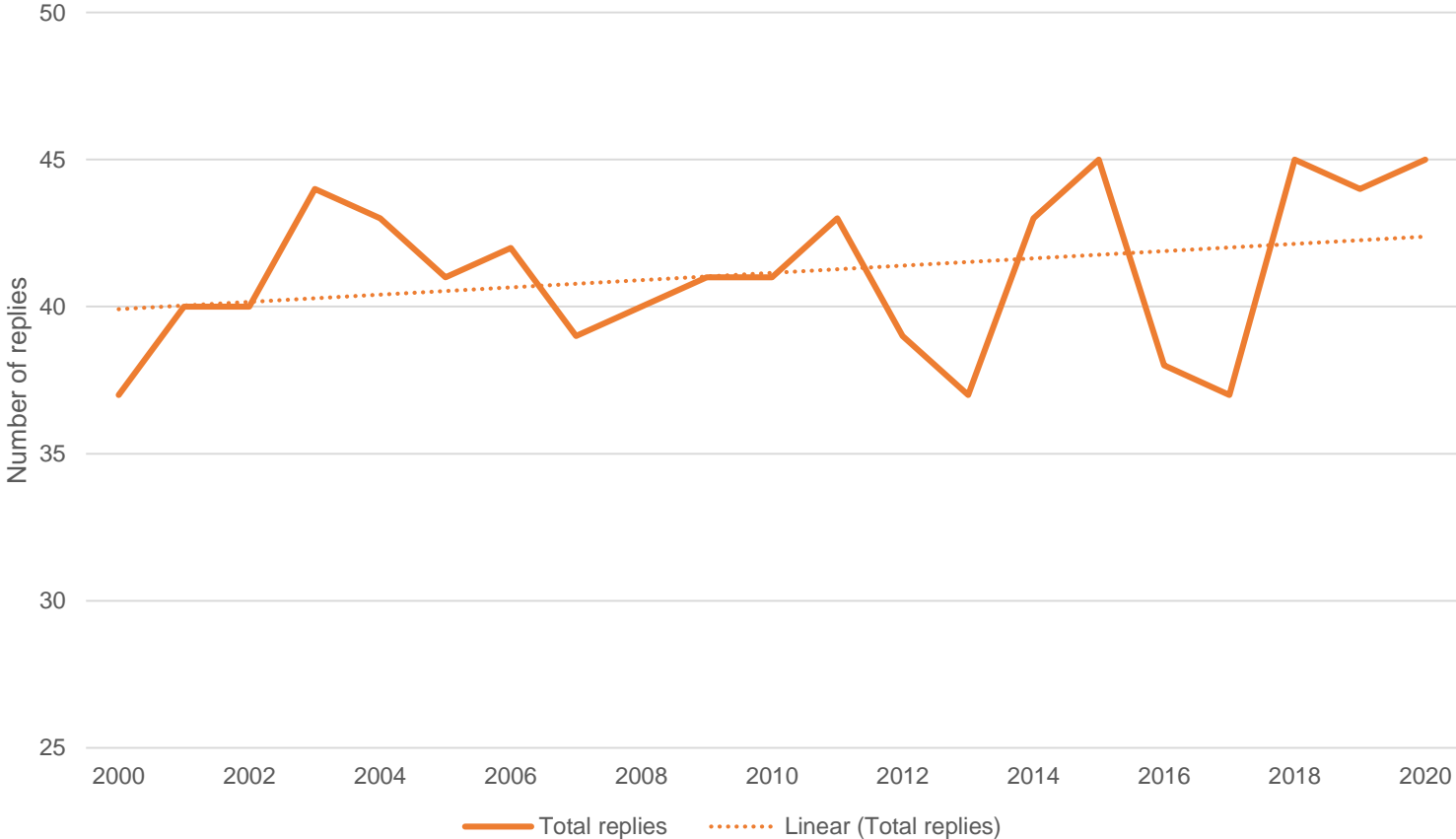
Timber Forecast Questionnaire
Change to forecasts in published tables

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- Forecasts for current year and forthcoming year

- In 2020, for first time, we used only forecasts from replying countries (29)

+ more accurate forecast, not smoothed out by repeating data from non-responding countries

– Totals not comparable to JFSQ, missing large country

Sawn Softwood Consumption (1000 m3)		2019	2020	2021	2020/2019	2021/2020
2020 TFQ	Europe	86 440	83 896	87 439	97.1%	104.2%
as reported	EECCA	11 035	11 724	10 874	106.2%	92.8%
with repeated data	Europe	97 099	94 555	98 098	97.4%	103.7%
based on 2019 JFSQ totals for region	EECCA	16 095	16 785	15 935	104.3%	94.9%

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Engineered Wood Products

- Two rounds of questionnaire, for 2016-17 and for 2017-18

- Team of Specialists requested another round for 2018-19 as activity in these products continues to increase

- Continue to have issues with definitions in national and international classifications that are not sufficiently detailed. Sometimes this results in overstated figures. HS2022 should improve this for trade.

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39. The Working Party is invited to:

   a. Encourage suggestions from members to revise the trade classifications for HS2027 with a view to making a joint submission of the Intersecretariat Working Group through FAO to the World Customs Organization in 2022;

   b. Express its thanks to those correspondents who have provided timely and accurate forecasts and data for past years under the particularly trying circumstances of 2020;

   c. Encourage replies to the JFSQ 2020 in time for use of the data in the FPAMR 2020-2021.

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Thank you!

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