

# Draft Annotated Agenda for 13 April 2021 meeting of ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Statistics

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13:00-15:00 (CET time) virtual meeting via Teams (English only)

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## 1. Welcome and agenda, introductions

## 2. Issues on new Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire 2020 (JQ)

### a. Reversion of veneer definition

The JQ2017 changed the definition of veneer to include veneer for plywood and moved it out from the product group wood-based panels. At the time we intended this as an experiment to be reviewed for the JQ2022. The Intersecretariat Working Group meeting this year decided to revert back immediately to the previous definition of excluding veneer for plywood. The questionnaire structure was not changed.

### b. ECE-EU questionnaire changes

Following discussion at the Team meeting last year we agreed to remove the “ex” codes in the ECE-EU questionnaire and the item 1.2.C.Other.

## 3. Harmonised System 2027 (HS) status and plans

### a. Review list of proposed items from Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics

The IWG has produced a draft list of changes proposed in the HS, the global trade classification administered by the World Customs Organization. See attached document. We can go over the list at the meeting to get initial reactions.

### b. Plans for letter, contacts, support

As was done for HS 2022, we will write a note to Working Party and Team of Specialists members to give them a chance to provide their input to the list.

## 4. Review of JFSQ 2019

- a. Reply rate
- b. Common problems
- c. Processing issues

## 5. Timber Forecast Questionnaire deadline 2021

Last year, for the first time, we included in the *Forest Products Annual Market Review* the forecasts provided by countries in response to the TFQ. This required an earlier deadline for the forecasts. We had 29 replies in 2020, compared to an average of 33 over the previous 5 years. Please let us know how you felt about this deadline in 2020.

## **6. New methods of working**

At the Working Party meeting (22-24 March, 2021) several delegates encouraged the various Teams of Specialists to advance work by using virtual meeting technologies and working in smaller groups. We would like to discuss how this could be organized and the support in the Team to do so.

- a. Smaller group discussions by subject area
- b. Regular core group discussion
- c. Q&A on JFSQ in May for all correspondents

*Other issues, including from previous meeting. Indicated here for information. To pursue at subsequent meetings.*

- A. Review decision on publishing only forecasting countries in Forest Products Annual Market Review publication and Market Statement (advantage/disadvantage)
- B. Engineered Wood Product questionnaire status
- C. Comment on roundwood definition (wood fuel from outside forests – special questionnaire?)
- D. Panel HS/CN classification definitions update
- E. Reaching out to new contacts from February 2021 Workshop
- F. Workshop followup - support to countries, national meetings
- G. Issues from report of September 2020 ToS
  - a. Request countries to specifically indicate veneer / plywood coverage via a survey.
  - b. comparison of wood waste with JFSQ
  - c. The wood fiber balance should provide net trade in chips with a factor for allocating these to wood energy.
  - d. Update questionnaire responses on website
  - e. CN codes and chips