

Korea Product Brief: Logs

Overview:

U.S. exports of softwood and hardwood logs to Korea declined in 2012 but the United States became the 2nd largest supplier in the market after New Zealand. Russian exports are limited by government export policy which taxes log exports.

Korean Imports of Logs:

Country	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	\$1,000	1,000 MT	\$1,000	1,000 MT	\$1,000	1,000 MT	\$1,000	1,000 MT
World	725,651	4,225	793,793	3,445	655,476	3,153	739,002	3,211,948
New Zealand	312,190	2,485	332,149	2,088	286,160	2,007	347,124	2,196,352
United States	168,112	637	163,476	461	123,993	383	142,593	338,326
Canada	118,048	291	173,109	274	147,743	312	152,683	239,307
Russia	34,300	217	21,477	104	16,246	89	17,246	77,537
Australia	36,850	319	43,078	285	19,858	140	22,607	147,789
Others	56,151	276	60,504	233	61,476	222	56,749	212,637

Source: Global Trade Atlas, HS 4403 Logs

Tariff Phase-Out Schedule under KORUS FTA:

Duties on fuel wood and raw rough logs will be removed immediately upon implementation of the free trade agreement. Duties on sawdust and wood waste will be phased-out over 5 years.

HSK 10	Description	Base Rate	2012	2013	2014	2015
440110000	Fuel wood, in logs, in billets, in twigs, in faggots or in similar forms	2	0	0	0	0
440130000	Sawdust and wood waste and scrap	2	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.4
4403101000	Wood in rough whether or not striped of bark	2	0	0	0	0

Export Requirements:

See APHIS' website (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/index.shtml) for any phytosanitary requirements for shipping wood to Korea.

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