

DECISION  
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION  
NO. 18 OF JANUARY 5, 1999  
ON THE ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR THE STATE REGULATION  
IN THE PROCUREMENT, REALIZATION AND EXPORT OF THE WOOD OF PRECIOUS  
FOREST SPECIES

For the purpose of the protection of the interest of the Russian Federation in the procurement and realization of the wood of precious forest species and in the performance of the foreign trade operations therewith, the Government of the Russian Federation resolves:

1. To establish that the minimum rates of the payment for the standing wood of precious forest species, approved by the Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1199 of September 19, 1997 (Sobraniye zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 1997, No. 40, item 4587) shall be applicable as from January 15, 1999 with a raising coefficient according to Annex No. 1.

2. The Federal Forestry Service of Russia, jointly with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation and the bodies of the state power of the Maritime, Khabarovsk and Krasnodar Territories and the Amur Region and of other interested entities of the Russian Federation shall strengthen the state control over the observance of the requirements of the legislation in the procurement, realization and export of the timber of precious forest species.

3. To introduce as from February 15, 1999 the licensing of the export from the Russian Federation of the timber of precious species by the list according to Annex No. 2.

4. The Ministry of Trade of the Russian Federation shall carry out the issuance of the licences for the export of the timber of precious forest species, mentioned in Annex No. 2 to this Decision, in the automatic regime (without quantitative restrictions).

The issuance of the licences for the export of the timber of precious forest species shall be carried out by the Ministry of Trade of the Russian Federation in the established procedure on the ground of the applications of the Russian exporters in accordance with the Regulations on the Procedure for the Licensing of the Export and Import of Goods (Works, Services) in the Russian Federation, approved by the Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1299 of October 31, 1996 (Sobraniye zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 1996, No. 46, item 5249).

5. The State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation shall:  
carry out the customs clearance of the exportable timber mentioned in Annex No. 2 to this Decision only if the exporters have the licences issued by the Ministry of Trade of the Russian Federation;

submit quarterly to the Ministry of Trade of the Russian Federation the statistical information about the volumes of the export of the said timber.

Chairman of the Government  
of the Russian Federation

Yevgeny Primakov

Annex No. 1  
to the Decision of the Government

Raising Coefficients to the Minimum of the Payment  
for the Standing Wood of Precious Species

| Estimated forest areas                                  | Forest species  | Raising coefficients |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| Kaliningrad   | oak, ash, maple | 2,5                  |
|   | beech           | 3                    |
| Novgorod  | oak, ash, maple | 2,5                  |
| Vladimir,<br>Kostroma                                   | oak, ash, maple | 2                    |
| Moscow  | oak, ash, maple | 2,5                  |
| Smolensk,<br>Orel-Tula                                  | oak, ash, maple | 2                    |
| Ryazan,<br>Mari-Tatar,<br>Mordovian,<br>Nizhni Novgorod | oak, ash, maple | 2,5                  |
| Voronezh-Lipetsk,<br>Penza                              | oak, ash, maple | 3                    |
| North Caucasian steppe                                  | oak, ash, maple | 2                    |
|   | beech           | 2,5                  |
| North Caucasian<br>Mountainous                          | oak, ash, maple | 3                    |
|   | beech           | 3                    |
| Bashkir-Udmurt,<br>Central Ural                         | oak, ash, maple | 2                    |
| South Ural,<br>Orenburg                                 | oak, ash, maple | 2,5                  |
| Novosibirsk,<br>Kemerovo-Altai                          | oak, ash, maple | 1,5                  |
| Amur, Khabarovsk,                                       | oak, ash, maple | 4,5                  |

Maritime

Annex No. 2  
to the Decision of the Government  
of the Russian Federation No. 18  
of January 5, 1999

List of the Timber Whose Export  
from the Russian Federation Shall Be Subject to Licensing

| CC FEA code      | Name of item   |
|------------------|--|
|                  | Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared  |
| from 4403 10 900 | - of oak, beech, ash   |
| 4403 91 000      | - of oak   |
| 4403 92 000      | - of beech   |
| from 4403 99 990 | - of ash   |
|                  | Hoopwood; piles, pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise; wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise worked, suitable for the manufacture of walking-sticks, umbrellas, total handles or the like chipwood and the like    |
| from 4404 20 000 | - of oak, beech, ash   |
|                  | Wood sawn or shipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planned, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm   |
| 4407 91          | - of oak   |
| 4407 92          | - of beech   |
| from 4407 99     | - of ash   |
|                  | Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood (whether or not spliced) and other wood sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm   |
| from 4408 90     | - of oak, beech, ash   |
|                  | Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed |

from 4409 20

- of oak, beech, ash