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Policy issued by:

- CPC Central Committee



CPC Central Economic Work Conference sets the nation's 2021 economic goals

The Central Economic Work Conference (CEWC) is an important annual event in December to set economic policy for the coming year.

The Chinese government is committed to international economic integration. A favorable position towards opening trade will benefit commodity imports to China such as lumber. The conference also highlighted the need to solve prominent housing problems in major cities by placing a strong emphasis on the development of public rental housing programs. The conference urged quicker steps to develop an action plan that enables the peaking of emissions for industry and energy production. There is no doubt that reducing the life-cycle carbon emissions of buildings through the use of low carbon building materials will help to achieve this goal.



Policy issued by:

- Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development

National Housing and Urban & Rural Construction Work Conference laid out the priorities for next year

At a review meeting on Dec 21, MOHURD laid out its priorities for next year to

-Switch the focus from developing city centers and building new facilities to fostering city clusters and renovating aging residential properties.

-Transform the construction industry through industrialization, emphasize the role of information technologies and building standards, and encourage the development of steel construction in rural areas.





Policy issued by:

- Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council

Committee on Tariffs of the State Council to reduce tariffs on timber from 2021

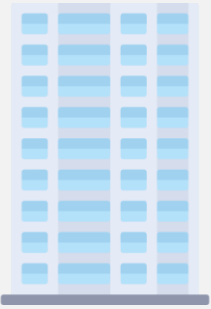
China will adjust import tariffs on a range of products starting Jan. 1, 2021 to support fostering the new development paradigm and promoting high-quality development, according to the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council.

More than 100 types of forest products will have tariffs reduced. This is a very positive message from China towards countries exporting forest products, and an indication of the importance of the wood industry in China in the post-pandemic era.

An English translation of these new tariffs is available Here:

<https://bit.ly/3iPtSx5>





Policy issued by:

- The NDRC and the Ministry of Commerce

The revised Catalog of Encouraged Industries for Foreign Investment

On December 27th, 2020, the NDRC and the Ministry of Commerce jointly published the revised Catalog of Encouraged Industries for Foreign Investment 2020 Version. Several forestry related industries were included in the catalog:

- The comprehensive utilization of waste wood and related new technology, product development and production, and production pollution control (NO.50)
- Forestry facilities and equipment manufacturing (NO. 202)
- Wood processing equipment manufacturing (NO.203)



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Policy issued by:

- The Management Committee of Xiongan New Area

Xiongan Household Registration and Residence Permit Implementation Measures

On January 1st, 2021, The Management Committee of Xiongan New Area launched the trial policies for local household registrations as well as the residence permit application process.

The ‘two measures’ are enacted to attract talents across the nation to Xiongan and to provide a welfare system, which could enable comprehensive public services that satisfy needs from incoming talents. The primary goal is therefore, to consolidate the foundation of human resource that empowers the high-speed development pace of Xiongan.





Policy issued by:

- The General Administration of Customs

Measures for the Supervision and Management of In-entry Timber Quarantine

The General Administration of Customs intends to optimize and improve the current imported timber quarantine management system. Hence, it formed the Measures for the Supervision and Management of In-entry Timber Quarantine (draft for comments) for public comments. The definition of timber in this document includes both logs and sawn lumber.

It is advised that foreign timber export companies pay attention to this draft version in order to better prepare for the upcoming regulations. Full compliance with these regulations would be important to managing shipments into China.

More information available here:

<https://bit.ly/3pdYjPS>





Policy issued by:

- National People's Congress of China

Hainan Free Trade Port Law

The Hainan free trade port law was formulated and included in the legislative work plan of the Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress.

The draft has been published on the website of the National People's Congress of China to solicit opinions from the public, with January 29, 2021 as the deadline for comments.





Policy issued by:

- The National People's Congress of China

Rural Revitalization Promotion Law

The National People's Congress of China published the Rural Revitalization Promotion Law (draft secondary review) to seek comments with the period from December 31, 2020 to January 29, 2021.

The Rural Revitalization Strategy focuses on solving the issues concerning agriculture, rural areas and farmers. The approved version after comments will give more specific guidelines for the implementations and for our reference to explore the potentials for wood in such context.

