

Special Issue

Wood-Product Trade and Policy

Message from the Guest Editors

Wood-products trade is affected by numerous policies directly targeting the forest-sector. Notably, concern regarding unsustainable forest practices has led to policy initiatives—targeting producer (exporting) and (or) consumer (importing) countries—designed to strengthen sustainable and legal forest management by promoting trade in legally produced timber and discouraging illegal timber trade. In addition, there are policies indirectly affecting the forest-based sector and wood-products trade. Prominent among these are climate and energy policy initiatives. At the same time as wood-products trade is the subject, directly or indirectly, of a number of policies, it can affect the effectiveness of policy instruments, for example, those intended to enhance climate change mitigation. This Special Issue intends to further the understanding of the interplay between policy and wood-products trade. Themes that could be covered include, non-exhaustively, trade diversion, substitution, certification, chain of custody, and market effects leakage. The scope encompasses global as well as regional and national policy levels.

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