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EU Industry Welcomes Registration of Chinese Hardwood Plywood Imports Amid Anti-Dumping Investigation

Brussels, 18 December 2024 – The Greenwood Consortium applauds the European Commission's decision to require registration of all hardwood plywood imports from China, effective immediately, announced in today's Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/3140ⁱ. This measure will ensure that from tomorrow all such imports entering the EU are meticulously recorded by national customs authorities.

This move comes in the context of the ongoing EU anti-dumping investigationⁱⁱ into Chinese hardwood plywood imports. The Commission, acting on its own initiative using a new procedure, determined that registration is necessary to ensure a robust investigation and to safeguard the EU market from unfair trade practices.

The Greenwood Consortium had previously identified significant dumping margins – ranging from 89% to 335% – for various types of Chinese hardwood plywood, as well as an injury elimination level of 224%. The Commission's Regulation acknowledges these findings, recognizing the potential for substantial retroactive tariffs to be imposed on importers should the investigation ultimately confirm evidence of dumping.

A spokesperson for the Greenwood Consortium highlighted the importance of this step:

"Registration clearly signals a firm stance against unfair competition. Any hardwood plywood arriving from China, much of which sadly is only for single use, will now face heightened scrutiny at the EU border, and importers can expect to bear significant costs retroactively if dumping is proven."

The Consortium is closely monitoring market developments. It has already observed early signs of attempts by Chinese producers to evade potential anti-dumping duties through superficial product modifications that are made without economic justification. These tactics are designed to create the illusion of a different product, but the Greenwood Consortium remains vigilant in identifying and challenging such practices.

This registration requirement will ensure a transparent and robust investigation, enabling the EU to effectively protect its sustainable market from unfair competition and safeguard the interests of European businesses.

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About the Greenwood Consortium:

Established in 2023, as an ad hoc Consortium by leading EU producers of hardwood plywood from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Latvia, Italy, Poland, and Spain, Greenwood leverages trade policy instruments to further its commitment to fostering a level playing field that ensures fairness and sustainability in the EU hardwood plywood industry.

ii http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2024/3140/oj

ii <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/6048/oj>