Regulation of the transfer and sale of wood products in the Russian Federation

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“On regulation of relations in the sphere of transfer and sale of wood on the territory of Primorsky Province”
Main principles of Federal Law № 415

- The first forest law to regulate activities “beyond the boundaries of the forest”;
- The federal law applies to all wood, irrespective of its place of harvest;
- Introduces a Unified automated government information system for reporting on wood and transactions in wood;
- Recording of all harvested timber is mandatory;
- Transport of wood is permitted only with an accompanying official transport document;
- Wood of valuable species will be marked when exporting;
• Requires submission of declarations on transactions in wood;
• Possibility to submit forest declarations and reports on forest use in electronic form;
• It is forbidden to re-sell wood harvested by citizens for their personal use;
• Confiscation of illegally logged wood;
• Administrative liability for violation of the regulations regarding submission of information, declaration, reporting, marking or transportation of wood.
In 2009 an experiment with the implementation of the Government Wood Reporting System was conducted in Khabarovsky and Primorsky Provinces.
The experiment extended for 3 months. In all, 6.5 thousand cubic meters of wood were recorded at the reporting checkpoints. All information was loaded into an electronic server. This experiment established the potential for using checkpoints for reporting on volumes of harvested timber.
According to experts, the Law establishes new economic principles in the forest complex, and in the future could provide an opportunity to reform the methods of payment for forest resources.

In its first stages the revised law creates additional obligations for business, which in the future can be offset by additional opportunities.
Thank you for your attention!