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HPVA 2012 International Trade Report Now

Available The latest HPVA statistical report includes data on hardwood plywood, hardwood veneer, and hardwood logs. The 44-page [international trade report](#) provides trade flow for both the U.S. and Canada and includes detailed information on products, including wood species. Data presented is relative to global trading partners. The price for HPVA members is \$24.95 for a print or PDF version; non-member price is \$49.95.

Proposed Due Diligence Standard In 2nd Ballot

The proposed American National Standard for Due Diligence in Procuring/Sourcing Legal Timber second ballot is due no later than May 31, 2013 from the Canvass Committee. [ANSI published the 2nd ballot notice](#) on May 10, 2013. A number of comments and objections were received on the first ballot. These have been incorporated to the extent possible. As such, the current draft has been significantly changed.



INTERNATIONAL TRADE



Preliminary Finding of Hardwood Plywood Dumping On April 30, the **U.S. Department of Commerce** announced an affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation of imports of hardwood and decorative plywood from China. Mandatory respondents Linyi San Fortune Wood Co., Ltd, and the Jiangyang Group received preliminary de minimus dumping margins of 0.62% and 1.83%, respectively. 101 Chinese exporters have a rate of 22.14% and all other producers and exporters received the China-wide preliminary dumping charges of 63.96%. A final ruling is expected in July. The U.S. International Trade Commission will make its final determination this August.

Indonesia Reclassifying Protected Forests The Indonesian government plans to free up protected virgin rainforest on the northern tip of Sumatra Island for commercial exploitation, **Daily Timber News** reports. Rights groups reacted with rage at the news, stating that an estimated 1.2 million hectares would be affected. Tengku Anwar, the head of the Aceh parliamentary committee overseeing the project, claimed that the measure had substantial support. The Aceh government banned the granting of new logging permits six years ago to protect the forest, but the new administration is in favor of allowing logging.



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55+ Housing Shows Strong Growth in Q1 The **National Association of Home Builders** (NAHB) 55+ Single Family Housing Market Index (HMI) increased 19 points year-over-year to 46. This is the highest first-quarter number recorded since the inception of the index in 2008, and the sixth consecutive quarter of year-over-year growth. An index number above 50 indicates that the majority of builders view conditions as good. All components of the 55+ single-family HMI showed significant growth from a year ago; current sales climbed 19 points to 46, expected sales for the next six months increased 21 points to 53, and traffic of prospective buyers rose 15 points to 41.

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