

Heilongjiang Province - Russian Forestry Cooperation in the Far East

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Summary

The timber trade between Heilongjiang Province and Russia has developed rapidly in recent years, accounting for more than 1/3 of the total amount of Sino-Russian timber trade. In respect of trade volume, Heilongjiang-Russian timber trade has developed rapidly; however, there are still a lot of problems in respect of the quality of trade. Russia mainly exports logs and rough sawn lumber, while high value-added products only account for a small number. In fact, high value-added wood products worth billions of dollar are imported annually in Russia. In order to change this situation, Russia has continuously increased the log export tariffs since the year 2007, which greatly affects Heilongjiang-Russian timber trade and cooperation. From the angle of geographic advantages between Heilongjiang Province and Russia, this paper will discuss the advantages and existing problems of forestry cooperation between Heilongjiang Province and Russia, and also give proposals for the cooperation.