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US Hardwood Export Grows Steadily in SEA & GRCH Markets

US hardwood exports showed steady growth in the first two months of 2017 among SEA & GRCH markets when compared to the same period of time in 2016. The exports value to SEA & GRCH markets was \$373 million, an increase of 19.4% (YoY), which accounted for 60.5% of all global exports. Greater China market kept double-digit growth at 22.8% for the first 2 months of 2017 to \$321 million. SEA markets slightly increased at 2% to \$51.8 million compared to the same period of time.

The world value of global exports of US hardwood was US\$617 million, up 7.8% compare to the first 2 months of 2016.

Mainland China was the main growth engine in GRCH region. The exports value of hardwood lumber, logs and veneer to China totaled \$231 million (up 15% YoY), \$80 million (up 58% YoY) and \$1 million (down 20% YoY) respectively. The exports value of hardwood plywood soared over 18 times to \$2.67 million compare to the same period of time, and it was 67% of the whole year of 2016. Plywood also replaced veneer to be the third largest hardwood products exports to China. China accounted for 56.7% of US global exports of lumber, 59.7% of US global exports of log and 18.1% of US global exports of plywood.

Southeast Asia markets increased 2% to \$51.8 million in which over 74.8% was contributed by Vietnam, the second largest market in all of Asia. Vietnam market grew at a slower pace, up 8.6% (YoY) to \$38.7 million. Although the hardwood lumber exports value to Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines increased from 10% to 35%, the gain was offset by decreased of other products such as hardwood logs and hardwood flooring. As a result, other SEA markets decreased from 3.6% to 51.8%.

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