

Amursk: Larch Used to Make Viscose Pulp

Far Eastern larch has for the first time become the raw material used to obtain high-quality viscose pulp. The Amursk Pulp and Paperboard Combine has shipped a large supply of this product to the "Khimvolokno" (Chemical Fibre) Association in Krasnoyarsk.

"The transition to self-sufficiency and self-financing roused us to look seriously for areas where we could increase our return," V. Tregubov, the Combine's Chief Engineer, explained. "Why did we focus our attention on our inexpensive and accessible larch timber? Because it used to be considered to be almost in the same category as scrap wood. The frequent disruptions in supplies of the other coniferous species and the high costs of this raw material, forced us to look for a better solution. Now there are no disruptions in the production process."

The innovative technique introduced by the Far Eastern papermakers will have a significant effect on the economy. Utilizing larch timber will make it possible for the Amursk Combine to save more than 1.5 million roubles this year.

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