

It is expected, in opinion of INFOR, that this type of sawmill will demand technological improvements given the expected higher supply of wood and the export potential of quality sawn wood.

Temporary sawmills, with capacities less than 10.000 m³/year, have very small facilities, (some more than 20 years old) and are entirely devoted to the domestic market. The estimated number of sawmills in this category is approximately 1.600, although this number changes significantly with economic conditions in the construction sector.

D.-Furniture and other finished wood products

This sector represented US\$ 35 M in exports (including US\$17 in pallets) during 1989. It is the most recent industry and its growth both in production and exports has been constant since 1984.

Few and small companies constitute this infant industry (10-15 companies). However, during 1990, KODAK International, in a joint-venture with local investors, invested US\$ 6 M in a fully automated furniture plant, which is expected to export US\$ 10 M during 1991 and to grow to US\$ 25 M by 1995.

Also, "Compania de Aceros del Pacifico", C.A.P., (one of the largest industrial conglomerates in Chile) invested US\$ 5.1 M in a modern furniture plant expected to start production during 1991.