

lumber (boards) listed in the State order for the current year. This is because officials of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry, after "formalising" the State order, are doing only a superficial check on its execution.

Major suppliers of products for export are the "Kostromalesprom" Association and the Luzskoe timber industry combine of "Kirovlesprom". Their managers have also acted irresponsibly in that, contrary to the requirements for first priority supplying of products for the export trade, they are concentrating on filling individual orders.

These enterprises undersupplied the port of Novorossiisk with 100,000 cubic metres of timber products listed in the plan for supplying the Mediterranean market with lumber throughout the period 1986-1988.

They are also underperforming with respect to the assortment of products. The enterprises of "Kostromalesprom", for example, completed the task of sawing up only four of the twenty standard dimensions of boards foreseen in last year's plan, the Luzskoe combine - only three of the eighteen. Progress has been particularly poor in fulfilling the plan for the sorts and dimensions in shortest supply. The timber is of low quality, the main defects being rough processing of the wood by machinery, worm-holes and exceeding the permissible norms as to sizes and numbers of knots.

Similar shortcomings were discovered in the production of northern grade sawn timber at enterprises of "Karellesprom", "Vologdalesprom" and other suppliers of export products to the port of Leningrad.