

Exportles Becomes a Joint-Stock Company

The USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry has transformed the All-Union Association known as Exportles into a joint-stock company under the same name.

The founding members of the joint-stock company Exportles will be the workers' collective of the association, as well as enterprises and associations of the sector which have expressed a wish to become shareholders of the reorganized firm and will have an outlet to the foreign market.

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Paper Shortage Discussed in Interview
with Deputy Minister

When we search for the origins of the paper shortage, the critics point straight to the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry: "Where has the Ministry been during the last ten years? Why did it remain silent in the knowledge that for twenty-four hours a day, on a three-shift basis, the sector has been mercilessly exploiting paper factories purchased abroad thereby permitting a 60 percent deterioration of the production plant? Why has our railway rolling stock been chugging along day and night loaded with logs and sawtimber, while at the same time there has been an acute shortage of raw material and unfinished wood products? We are selling timber for a song and purchasing paper at top prices. When is all this extravagance going to end?"