

Drop in UK Imports of Coniferous Sawtimber (Soviet Figures)

The largest purchaser of coniferous sawtimber in Western Europe is Great Britain. Last year she imported 9,000,000 cubic metres. Every third cubic metre sold in Europe is purchased by British firms. During the first six months of this year 4,177,000 cubic metres of coniferous sawtimber arrived in that country. Almost a third of these were obtained in Canada, 21 per cent in Sweden, 14 per cent in Finland, 9.5 per cent in the USSR, and 8 per cent in Portugal. The British timber market noticeably worsened in the second half of the year. According to preliminary estimates, the total volume of imports dropped by 700 to 800 thousand cubic metres as against those for 1988. It is expected that in 1990 British demand will again decrease by 700 to 800 thousand cubic metres.

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