

Our organization's role in the import and export of timber and paper products has been preserved with its transfer to the Ministry for the Timber Industry. However, our relations with the suppliers of export products have changed and we have assumed responsibilities formerly handled by Soyuzlesbumzagranpostavka (USSR Timber and Paper Exports).

New subdivisions have appeared in our organization's structure: these include the company known as Prominles (Timber Industry Imports) and the entities responsible for procurement of equipment for foreign production units, technical cooperation, and imports of equipment and spare parts. The work of these sub-divisions is connected with the creation of joint Soviet-foreign timber, wood-processing, and pulp-and-paper enterprises on Soviet soil.

Two firms have been created: Mebelexport (Furniture Exports) and Raznolesimpex (Assorted Timber Exports/Imports). The latter exports matches and matchstick wood and imports woodblocks and planed plywood made of valuable types of wood, as well as raw cork and goods made from cork."

Q. "What have been the main stages in the history of Exportles?"

A. "Before our organization was formed, sales of timber products abroad were handled by the following state organizations: Severoles (Northern Timber), Karelles (Karelian Timber), Dalles (Far Eastern Timber) and Dvinoles (Dvina Timber). Later the Central Timber Export Office was created within the People's Commissariat for Foreign Trade to