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TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION PLANNING SYSTEM

90/91 SECTOR/SUB-SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

Mission: BERNE Market: SWITZERLAND

Sector: FOREST PRODUCTS, EQUIP, SERVICES

Sub-Sector: WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS

Market Data	2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	Current Year (Estimated)	Next Year (Projected)
Market Size	1000.00 \$M	1037.00 \$M	837.70 \$M	879.60 \$M
Canadian Exports	15.30 \$M	14.50 \$M	12.30 \$M	13.50 \$M
Canadian Share of Market	1.53 %	1.40 %	1.47 %	1.53 %

Cumulative 3 year export potential for

CDN products in this sector/subsector: 30-60 \$M

Major Competing Countries	Market Share
GERMANY WEST	38.20 %
AUSTRIA	23.60 %
FRANCE	11.60 %
ITALY	8.00 %
FINLAND	4.20 %
SWEDEN	2.60 %

Current Status of Canadian exports in this sector/subsector: Well established and growing

Products/services for which there are good market prospects:

- 1. Sawn timber (spruce, fir)
- 2. Plywood

Factors contributing to current successful Canadian exports:

- Import duties are moderate
- Aggressive marketing
- Competitive pricing
- Strong sectoral capability in Canada

Factors for Canadian exports not reaching market potential:

- Import restrictions are a significant impediment in this sector
- Non-competitive pricing