

BULGARIAN WOOD CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

TO:
Prime Minister of Bulgaria
Boiko Borisov

February 22, 2012

Dear Mr. Borisov,

After having tried all possibilities, we are asking for your support concerning the wood sale for industrial consumers.

The Association of Bulgarian Wood Consumers has actively participated in all the stages of the Forestry Law drafting as our proposal is the wood products trade to be regulated in a thoroughly transparent and easy for supervision market principal.

In practice the opposite has happened. Regulations which do not comply with the market regulations are accepted, traders and dealers are tolerated and the same even stop the wood-processing sector development in Bulgaria generating huge losses for the budget.

Although a lot of meetings and discussions were conducted with the Minister of agriculture and foods, the Commission of Food and agriculture at the National Assembly and participants from the Parliamentary Group of GERB, there is no a real change at the wood market. The Forestry law instruments concerning wood supply are not implemented but trials for sales at the stock exchange are performed which means auctions with lots of huge wood volumes, suitable for traders, who afterwards resell the wood. The same is a prerequisite for corruption.

We received promises at the meetings arranged with the Ministry of Agriculture and food for settling the situation with wood deliveries but unfortunately the promises were not realized. That's why we are forced to find out solution of the problem by deliveries from other countries, which makes us noncompetitive or would be a reason for Production Plants stops generating huge losses and would be a reason as well for social tension by employees discharging.

In practice this scenario has already happened with some of the members of the Association of Bulgarian wood consumers.

Having in mind the problem significance would you accept representatives from the Association in a time suitable for you when we will state our suggestions regarding amendments in the Forestry Law for wood market regulation before the Bulgarian Wood-cutting fund for 2012 would be thoroughly spent?

Best regards!

Members of Bulgarian wood consumers Association:

1. Gabrovnitza AD
2. Kronospan Bulgaria AD
3. Lesoplast AD
4. Svilosa AD
5. Fazerles AD