



INKA NEWS

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*The newsletter of Inka Presswood Pallets Ltd
....news when it matters*

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Timber prices continue to rise

As we predicted in our June 2006 newsletter timber prices have since been steadily rising. Indeed, according to the *CIPS/RBS Purchasing Managers Index* the price of Pallet Timber has risen each month since then and has reached its highest level for nearly twelve years.



Stormy start to 2007

The storms that hit Europe in January caused serious damage to many forested areas. According to the *Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE/FAO)* it has been estimated that as much as 35 million cubic metres of wood was damaged. The most significant area of loss was in Germany where between 22-25 million m³ of loss was sustained. Other countries affected were France & Belgium, where losses for each country were measured at 0.3 million m³; and Sweden, with 12 million m³. The UK was less affected with losses estimated at 50,000 m³. Further details can be found at: <http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/storm/storm.htm>

Presswood website reaches new high

The international website for Presswood pallets (www.presswood.org), which operates to provide listings of approved distributors around the world, has helped over 50,000 *active* visitors find their nearest supplier in the last year. With over 100 countries listed the website streamlines inquires for the product to save valuable time for both the customer and the supplier.

Tax Storm at Felixstowe

Goods arriving at Felixstowe (UK) from China will be subjected to a new levy, we have learned. According to an article in Business Weekly the 'tide tax' is likely to spread to other UK ports as a result of attempts by the Hong Kong based owners to recover duties imposed upon them by the UK Government. More details at http://www.businessweekly.co.uk/news_article

More countries adopt ISPM15

Since our last newsletter the following countries have announced the implementation of ISPM15:



Croatia - *Implemented from 1 January 2007.*

Fiji - *Intend to implement in the near future.*

Indonesia - *Implementation imminent.*

Japan - *effective from 1 April 2007*

Find all of the latest information at www.ISPM15.com



INKA at Total Processing & Packaging Exhibition

We shall be pleased to be taking part at the Total Processing & Packaging Exhibition, at the NEC (Birmingham) from 15-18 May. The full Presswood Pallet range will be displayed on stand number 3300 in Hall 3A to demonstrate the diversity available. Inka's Sales Team will be available for customers old and new to answer your specific questions, and will be supported by representatives of our Regional Stockists and the European factory.



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