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## ASPECTS REGARDING THE WOOD CERTIFICATION IN ROMANIA

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## Abstract

The wood certification is an economic mechanism used for conserve and maintains the function of world's forest ecosystems and for transforming the forest management in a sustainable one. In the certification process if the certification bodies found that the forest operations are in conformity with certain international recognized standards, a certificate is issued, enabling the landowner or the manager of the forest to bring product to market as "certified wood", and to use certain trademark logo-s. In Romania, under the pressure of companies, retailers and buyers from European Union, the certification process had been started too. In a pilot-project, the first two state forest districts (Varatec and Targu Neamt) were certificated. This year, another one million state forests are programmed to be certified based on a public auction. For the moment, the certified wood is demanded only on the European and North-American markets.

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