

Studying Imports of Wood, Paper and their Products in the World and Iran from 1998 to 2007

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Abstract:

Important importers of wood, paper and their products were identified in this study. Identification of these countries is important for the trade of wood and paper products. The main questions now are: how is imports situation of wood, paper and their products in the world? And which countries are important here? Average values and percentages of imports were calculated to rank regions on the basis of FAO stats from 1998 to 2007. The annual rates of change in imports were calculated by single payment formula and the positive correlation of import prices was determined by coefficient of determination. Our results showed that imports of products frequently had increasing trends in the study period, and they had stable markets with low fluctuations. China and Germany were the most important countries with France, Italy, Japan, Canada, Belgium, Holland, Austria, South Korea, Mexico and Denmark ranking next for these products. Wood and paper products of Asian countries were developing faster than other continents. Import efficiency of paper and wood products of Iran is low due to their high added value. Political developments after 2001 and increasing energy prices resulted in increase in products price worldwide with trends being increasing with high coefficients of determination (R^2).

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