

# VIETNAM'S LOG IMPORTS

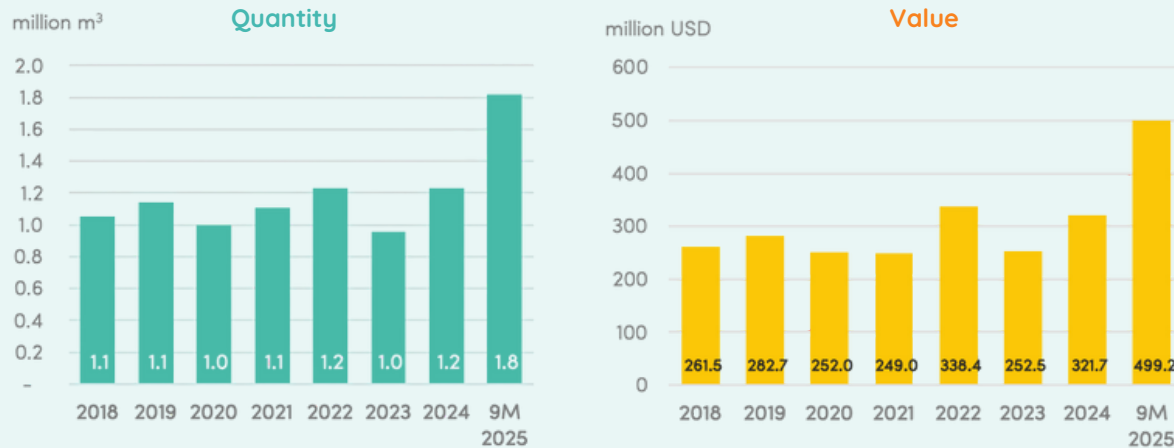
(9 months/2025)

## BY POSITIVE GEOGRAPHIES

Vietnam's log imports from positive geographies increased sharply. Prior to 2023, imports from these geographies averaged over 1.1 million m<sup>3</sup> per year, with an average import value of approximately 280 million USD per year. In 2023, import volume declined slightly to below 1.0 million m<sup>3</sup> due to the impacts of war and the COVID-19 pandemic. Entering 2024, log imports rebounded strongly, reaching over 1.23 million m<sup>3</sup>, with an import value of USD 321.7 million.

In the first nine months of 2025, log imports from positive geographies exceeded 1.82 million m<sup>3</sup>, with a value of 499.23 million USD, representing an increase of 90.23% in quantity and 95% in value compared to the same period in 2024.

Quantity and value of Vietnam's log imports by positive geographies, 2018 - September 2025



Source: authors' compilation based on customs data

In 2024, Vietnam imported logs from 41 positive markets. In the first nine months of 2025, 40 positive geographies supplied logs to Vietnam. The five largest positive markets supplying logs to Vietnam were the United States, Belgium, France, Germany, and Uruguay. Notably, in the first nine months of 2025, both the quantity and value of log imports from the United States increased sharply, reaching more than three times the levels recorded for the entire year of 2024. This development demonstrates Vietnam's strong commitment to the United States to reduce the bilateral trade imbalance during tariff negotiations under Section 302.

On average, Vietnam imports over 100 log species per year from positive markets. However, ten major species accounted for the largest import volumes during 2022 - September 2025, representing around 75% of total log imports from positive markets. These species include Ask, Pine, Oak, Eucalyptus, Birch, Poplar, Teak, Pecan, Walnut, Tali/Ironwood/*Erythrophleum spp.* and Beech\*.

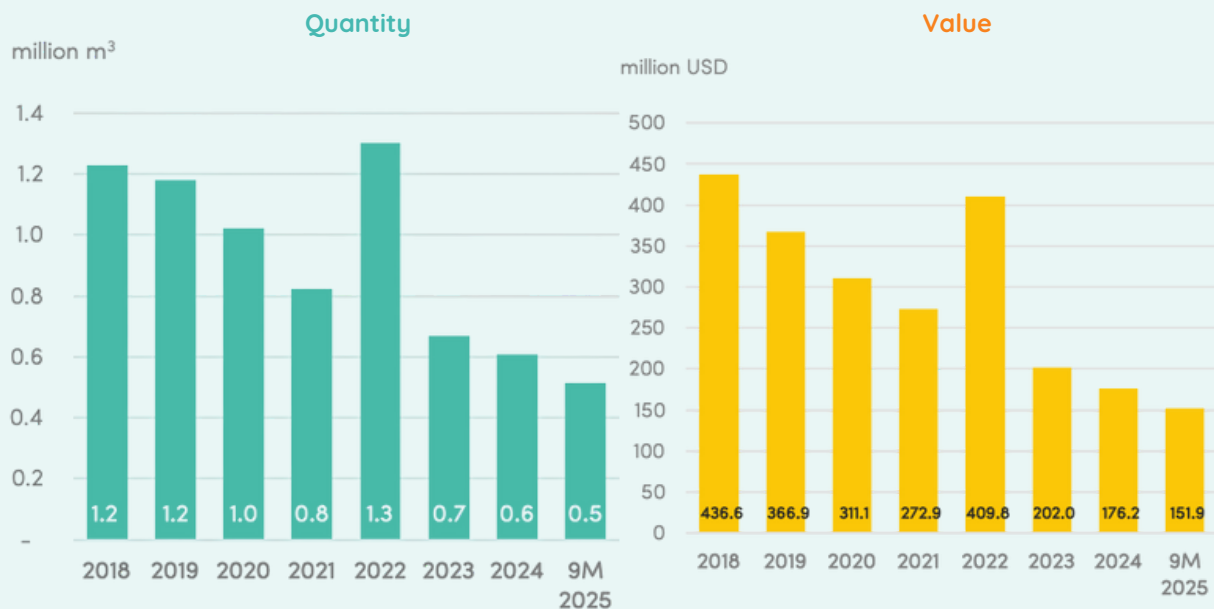
(\*) : Vietnamese tradenames of imported wood usually imitate those of local well-known species although they may or may not belong to the same species or family. Traders and wood workers use this tactic to penetrate the market and gain customer acceptance.

## BY NON-POSITIVE GEOGRAPHIES

Log imports from non-positive geographies rose sharply in 2022 compared to previous years, reaching 1.3 million m<sup>3</sup>, but declined significantly in 2023 to only 667.725 thousand m<sup>3</sup>. In 2024, import volume continued to decrease, falling by 9.2% compared to the previous year.

The downward trend persisted in the first nine months of 2025, with both import quantity and value reaching only 76% and 78%, respectively, of the levels recorded for the entire year of 2024.

Quantity and value of log imports in Vietnam, 2018 - Sep 2025



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In 2022, Vietnam imported logs from 51 risk markets. In 2023, the number of supplying markets declined to 39. In 2024, 41 markets were recorded as supplying logs to Vietnam, while in the first nine months of 2025, the figure fell to 38 markets. The five largest sources of log supply to Vietnam were Cameroon, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria, Suriname, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The number of log species imported from risk geographies totaled 363 species in 2022, decreasing to 235 species in 2023 and 214 species in 2024. In the first nine months of 2025, this number further declined to 170 species. The ten most imported log species from risk geographies included Doussie, Pachy/*Azelia spp.*, Tali/Ironwood/*Erythrophleum spp.*, Teak, Sapele/African Mahogany, Eucalyptus, Mukulungu/*Shorea/Hopea spp.*, Padouk/*Pterocarpus spp.*, Pyinkado wood, Ford - *Manglietia fordiana*, Movingui, Malas wood, Hopea, Dillenia, Bubinga, Iroko\*. In the first nine months of 2025, imports of Eucalyptus logs from risk markets declined sharply to only 161 m<sup>3</sup>. In contrast, imports of species such as Sapele logs increased significantly, reaching over 45 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, up 9.5%, while Malas logs exceeded 21 thousand m<sup>3</sup>, up 10.5% compared to the entire year of 2024.

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