

VIETNAM'S SAWN TIMBER IMPORTS

(9 months/2025)

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Imports of sawn timber from positive markets declined in 2023 due to post-COVID-19 impacts, but rebounded in 2024. In 2024, import volume increased by 23%, while import value rose by 26.6% compared to the previous year.

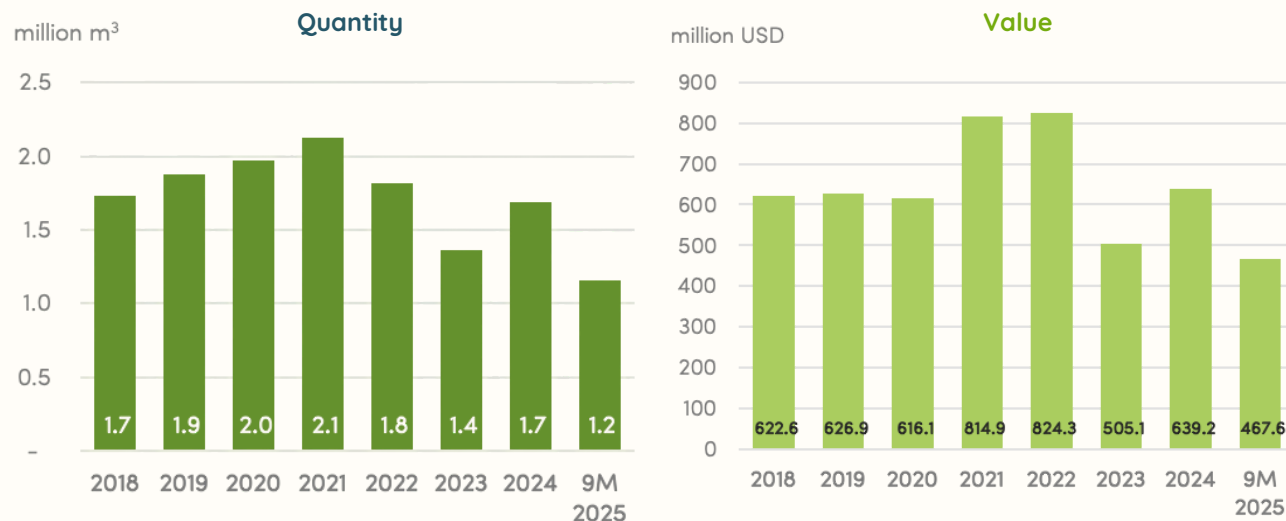
In the first nine months of 2025, both the quantity and value of sawn timber imports from positive markets declined slightly, by 9% in volume and 2% in value compared to the same period in 2024, with imports totaling 1.2 million m³ and a value of 467.6 million USD.

In 2024, 44 positive markets supplied sawn timber to Vietnam, while in the first nine months of 2025, the number declined slightly to 42 markets. However, the five largest suppliers of sawn timber during the first nine months of 2025 were the United States, Chile, Brazil, China, and New Zealand. Imports from these five markets totaled 771.7 thousand m³ accounting for 67% of total sawn timber imports from positive markets.

On average, Vietnam imports over 200 different timber species per year. However, a limited number of species account for the largest import volumes, including Pine, Birch, Poplar, Oak, Eucalyptus 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.

Quantity and value of sawn timber imports in Vietnam by positive geographies, 2018 – Sep 2025

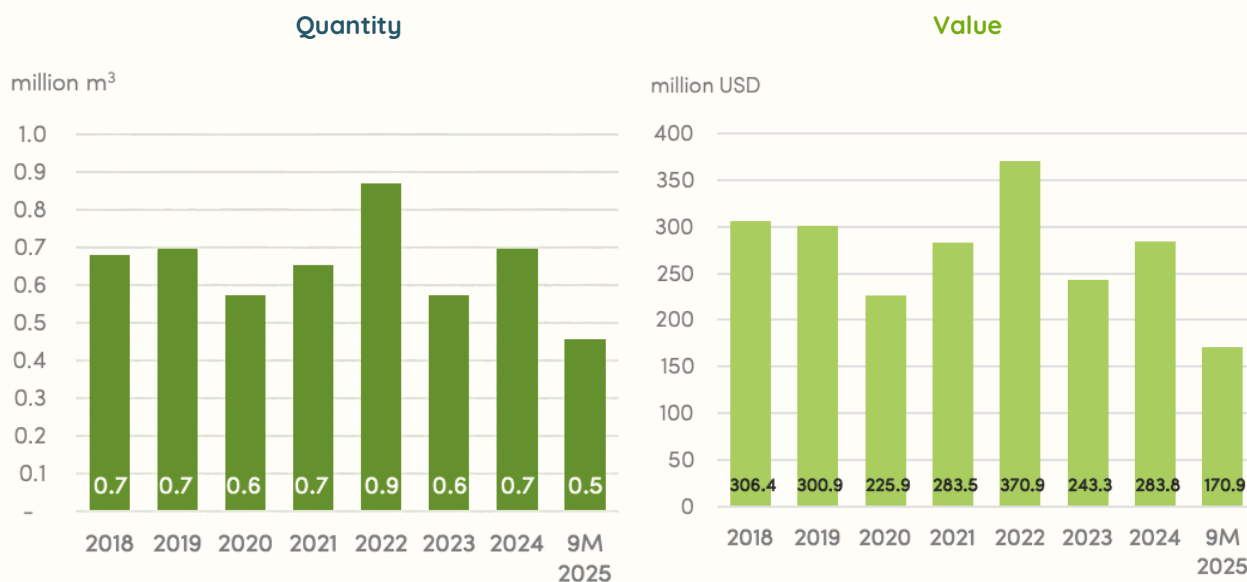


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Similar to log imports, both the quantity and value of sawn timber imports from risk markets continued to decline in 2024 and in the first nine months of 2025 compared to the previous year. In the first nine months of 2025, import quantity and value decreased by 11.6% and 20.4%, respectively, compared to the same period in 2024.

Quantity and value of saw timber imports in Vietnam, 2018 – Sep 2025



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In 2022, 54 risk markets supplied sawn timber to Vietnam. This number declined to 48 markets in 2023 and 2024, and remained at 48 markets in the first nine months of 2025. The main sources of sawn timber from risk markets were predominantly African countries. During the period 2022 – the first nine months of 2025, the ten largest risk markets supplying sawn timber to Vietnam included Cameroon, Laos, Angola, Gabon, Argentina, Cambodia, the Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Hong Kong, and Namibia.

The number of sawn timber species imported by Vietnam from risk markets was 274 species in 2022, increasing to 294 species in 2023, then declining slightly to 275 species in 2024. In the first nine months of 2025, imports covered over 230 species. During this period, the ten most imported species included Tali/Ironwood/*Erythrophleum spp.*, Doussie, *Pachy/Afzelia spp.*, Pine, Padouk/*Pterocarpus spp.*, Bubinga, Moringui, Lagerstroemia, Pyinkado wood and Iroko.*

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