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PRESS RELEASE

The Minister of Forestry and Wildlife hereby informs operators of the timber sector, ministries concerned, as well as the general public that, following the strict instructions of the Prime Minister, Head of Government, he signed, on 28 April 2026, an Order to update the classification of forest species for exportation in the form of logs.

The updating falls in line with the implementation of the government policy on the sustainable management of forest resources, the promotion of advanced local timber processing, the enhancement of national added value, and the strengthening of the competitiveness of the forestry industry, with a view to the entry into force of the ban on exportation of timber in the form of logs on 1 January 2028, in accordance with the decision of the Ministers in charge of Forestry of the CEMAC zone, meeting in Bangui on 23 February 2024.

This new Order raises to 91 (ninety-one) the number of timber species now prohibited from exportation in the form of logs, and partially reduces to 23 (twenty-three) those authorised for exportation in the form of logs, with a special status of promotion species, subject to the payment of the applicable surtax on the exportation of non-processed forest products.

Consequently, economic operators of the timber sector and stakeholders in the exportation chain are urged to take all necessary measures to ensure strict compliance with the provisions set out in the aforementioned Order, which may be consulted at the relevant services of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife and is available on the dedicated official platforms.

Against the backdrop of prevailing international market conditions which impacts the national timber industry very negatively, and as part of Government's support for the sub-sector, the list of species prohibited from exportation in the form of logs will be gradually expanded, in the lead-up to the 1 January 2028 deadline when no log will be exported.

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