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China's furniture exports to the U.S. keep sliding

China shipped furniture worth 7.81 billion yuan (\$1.1 billion) to the U.S. in August, a 19.6% drop from a year earlier and a 9.3% decline from July, according to "Furniture Today". The January-August total stands at 72.4 billion yuan (\$10.2 billion), down 14.5% year-on-year. China's share of its own furniture exports going to the U.S. has now fallen for four straight years: 27.5% in 2020, 26.1% in 2021, 25.6% in 2022 and 23.1% in 2025. (Furniture Today)

The United States has issued a recall of drawer cabinets made in China

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced a recall of the EnHomee 13-drawer dresser, about 11200 units, manufactured by a China Changzhou-based manufacturer. The recalled dresser failed to meet the mandatory requirements of the STURDY Act. Enacted in 2022, the Act directs CPSC to establish safety standards for clothing-storage furniture. (ccpitjs.org)

China's furniture industry remained under pressure in August

According to official data, the operating revenue in China's furniture industry was 403.88 billion yuan (\$56.88 billion) in January-August. The year-on-year decline in operating revenue was 6.0 %, signalling that market demand remained under pressure. Notably, operating costs fell slightly faster than revenue, down 6.2 % in the first eight months, suggesting that some firms have stepped up effective cost-control measures.

(National Bureau of Statistics)

Zhejiang's exports of furniture slipped in July

Zhejiang remains China's leading furniture-exporting province. During January-July 2025, Zhejiang shipped furniture worth 25.94 billion yuan (\$ 3.64 billion), 8.5 % below the same period last year and equal to about 9.6 % of the national total exports. July alone contributed 3.38 billion yuan (\$ 474 million), almost unchanged from June but still 19.5% lower than July 2024, extending the cumulative slide.

(Zhejiang Furniture Association)

The outlook for the building-materials consumer market in August remains bleak

Out of the six sub-indices released in August for the National Building-Materials and Home-Furnishing Prosperity Index, the visitor-flow, manager-confidence and employment-rate indices advanced, while the purchasing-power, sales-capacity and rental-rate indices declined. This signals that small and medium-sized enterprises still face an increasingly squeezed survival space and that competition is growing ever fiercer.

(China Building Materials Circulation Association)