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China's timber import from Vietnam surged sharply in 2025

The continuous escalation of China-US trade frictions has brought new developments. Some US timber is being transshipped to China via Vietnam. Customs data shows that from January to September 2025, China's timber imports from Vietnam reached 246,700 cubic meters with an import value of \$145 million, surging by 90.1% and 141.9% year-on-year respectively. **(Sina news)**

China's furniture manufacturers' profits falls 19.1 in the first 3 quarters

From January to September 2025, China's furniture manufacturing industry booked a cumulative profit of 19.68 billion yuan (\$2.76 billion) in the first three quarters, down 19.1% year-on-year. In September alone, the profit reached 2.58 billion yuan (\$362.36 million), down 26 year-on-year and 6.0% month-on-month, underscoring the sector's mounting pressures.. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

China's timber import rebounded 15.9% compared with August 2025

The latest customs data shows that in September 2025, China's timber imports reached 4.669 million cubic meters, down 7.9% year-on-year, with a value of \$931 million, a decrease of 10.8% year-on-year, marking seven consecutive months of year-on-year decreases. However, compared with August 2025, both volume and value rebounded, rising 15.9% and 13.8% month-on-month, respectively.

(General Administration of Customs)

The lackluster figures underscore that any recovery in the sector is still tenuous

From January to September, the revenue of China's furniture industry totalled 456.2 billion yuan (\$64.46 billion), down 6.7% year-on-year, while operating costs reached 377.73 billion yuan (\$53.05 billion), down 6.8% year-on-year. Although costs and sales both decline, the much steeper drop in profit signals squeezed margins. **(China National Furniture Association)**

China's export of lamps and lighting fixtures down 7.4% in September

In the first nine months of 2025, China exported lamps and lighting fixtures worth 202.8 billion (\$ 28.48 billion), down 7.4 % year-on-year. In September alone, the shipment of lamps and lighting fixtures totalled 18.81 billion yuan (\$2.64 billion), the lowest monthly figure since April 2024, falling 13.5 % from a year earlier and 9.3 % from August. **(General Administration of Customs)**