

## NEWSLETTER

### HOME/FURNITURE/DESIGN

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#### **LED lighting powered China's \$8.8B export surge with double-digit growth**

China's lighting product exports jumped 10.2% year-on-year to \$8.8 billion in January-February 2026, with LED products commanding 77% market share at \$6.8 billion. The sector's robust double-digit growth comes despite escalating global trade tensions and tariff uncertainties. Traditional lighting products continued to lose ground as energy-efficient alternatives drive overseas demand. **(China Lighting Industry Association)**

#### **Vietnam's Timber Exports to China Surge 684.7% YoY in February**

According to data from Vietnam Customs Office, the country's timber exports to China reached \$31.96 million in February 2026, skyrocketing 684.7% year-on-year despite a 29.8% month-on-month decline. The export volume hit 47,100 cubic meters, up 433.8% compared to the same period last year, making China the fastest-growing destination for Vietnamese timber shipments. **(Chinatimber.org)**

#### **China's Furniture Exports Edge Up 0.6% in Q1 Amid Monthly Decline**

China's furniture and parts exports reached 115.1 billion yuan in Q1 2026, posting a modest 0.6% year-on-year increase. March exports alone totaled 27.5 billion yuan, marking the lowest monthly point of the quarter. Notably, exports followed a downward trajectory throughout the three-month period, peaking in January before sliding to the March trough. **(General Administration of Customs)**

#### **China's Building Materials Index Rises 16 Points in March Amid Modest Recovery**

China's Building Materials and Home Furnishings Index (BHI) climbed to 118.01 in March, up 15.98 points month-on-month but down 6.91 points year-on-year. While spring typically boosts sales, the market saw only a tepid rebound rather than explosive growth, constrained by high comparison bases from last year's trade-in subsidies and the sluggish property sector recovery. **(China Building Materials Circulation Association)**

#### **China's consumer goods trade-in program generated sales of 95.43 bln yuan of home appliance in Q1**

China's government-backed consumer goods trade-in programs benefited over 60.93 million purchases in the first quarter of 2026. Under the program, about 23.21 million home appliances, including refrigerators, washing machines, televisions, air conditioners, computers and water heaters, were traded in during the period, boosting sales by 95.43 billion yuan. **(Ministry of Commerce)**