

## NEWSLETTER

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#### **First national standard "Design Guidelines for Elderly-Friendly Furniture" officially implemented**

The national standard "Design Guidelines for Elderly-Friendly Furniture" was officially implemented on February 1, 2026. This standard focuses on the actual living needs and physical and mental characteristics of the elderly, putting forward specific and detailed requirements for the elderly-friendly design of furniture products from multiple dimensions including materials, intelligent applications, and functional configurations.

**(National Standardization Administration)**

#### **2026 adjustments to import tariffs on lighting products from certain countries**

The Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council recently issued the "2026 Tariff Adjustment Plan," adjusting import tariffs on lighting products originating from certain countries effective January 1, 2026. The affected countries include the ten ASEAN member states, Japan, South Korea, Pakistan, Nicaragua, Ecuador, and Serbia. Most products will see tariff reductions of over 0.5 percentage points. **(General Administration of Customs)**

#### **China's plywood exports reach record high, up 7% in 2025**

China's exports of plywood grew 7% year-on-year in 2025 to 12.99 million m<sup>3</sup>, reaching a record high in volume. The total export value declined 1.9% to \$5.17 billion, while the average export price decreased 8.4% to \$398 per m<sup>3</sup>. The main destinations for China's plywood are: The Philippines (983,000m<sup>3</sup>), The United Arab Emirates (934,000m<sup>3</sup>), Saudi Arabia (750,000m<sup>3</sup>), Australia (600,000m<sup>3</sup>) and Vietnam (542,000m<sup>3</sup>).

**(Lesprom Analytics)**

#### **China furniture exports down 5.2% in 2025**

In 2025, China's furniture exports totaled 474.81 billion yuan (\$65.5 billion), down 5.2% year-on-year. December exports alone reached 47.36 billion yuan (\$6.5 billion), down 9.6% year-on-year. Notably, while the U.S. remained China's largest furniture export market, reliance on this destination had steadily weakened. The share of direct exports to the U.S. fell from 27.5% in 2022 to just 18.8% by December 2025.

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