

Brasil Exportadora de Madeiras



Location: Ananindeua, Pará

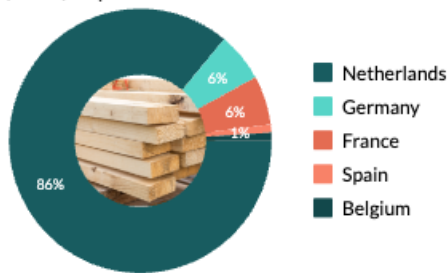
Biome: Amazon (Brazil)

Forest managed: Unknown

Ultimate owner: Unknown, but may involve LR Participações Ltda and members of the Rymcza family

[Link to European buyers](#)

Brasil Exportadora de Madeiras wood (4407) exports to the EU



Top-5 EU importing country

	Netherlands (86%)
	France (6%)
	Germany (6%)
	Spain (1%)
	Belgium (1%)

Top-3 EU importing operators

GWW Houtimport (60%), Van den Berg Hardhout (31%), Houtvisie (4%)
F. Jammes (77%), Peltier (12%), Compagnie des Bois Caraibes (8%)
Maicuru Hardwoods (100%)
Globaldis Distr Global Materias (100%)
Vogel (100%)

Figure: EU recipient countries and importers of Brazilian sawn wood (HS 4407) from Brasil Exportadora de Madeiras, 2021-2023. Source: AidEnvironment, based on Brazilian shipment data January 2021– November 2023.

Sanctions

Year	Sanctions	Amount (BRL)	Details of fines (locations)
2021	-	-	
2022	-	-	
2023	15	278,381	In a series of IBAMA infractions, Brasil Exportadora de Madeiras was fined for allegedly illegally exporting over 1,000 m ³ of processed and sawn tropical hardwoods—primarily Angelim Vermelho, along with Tatajuba, Cumaru, Pequiá, and Cupiuba—without the mandatory export licenses as required by Instrução Normativa IBAMA No. 15/2011. These violations involved destinations including the Netherlands, Belgium, and Portugal. Infractions were recorded in Ananindeua, Pará state, where the company operates. The shipments consisted of decking, beams, sleepers, and slabs.
2024	1	469,042	Selling 1,563 cubic meters of native wood species to the foreign market without a valid license.
2025 (May)	1	8,663	IBAMA indicated that this fine might be considered 'unintentional'. Reportedly, the company transported 28.9 m ³ of processed wood from the species Hymenaea courbaril L. (jatobá) without a valid license, as per Technical Information 212 - Process 02018.003954/2024-96.
Total	17	756,087	

Overview IBAMA imposed environmental fines on Brasil Exportadora de Madeiras since 2021. Source: Brazil's IBAMA [website](#), 2021-2025 (only till May 2025). Note: For many of the indicated fines, the accused company still has the possibility to contest the outcomes, and therefore the status is not yet definitive.

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Business relationships

European wood buyers of Brasil Exportadora de Madeiras:

GWW Houtimport, Van den Berg Hardhout, Houtvisie, F. Jammes, Peltier, Compagnie des Bois Caraibes, Maicuru Hardwoods

Company response: In response to a draft version of this case study shared with a selection of key EU wood buyers in May and June 2025, Van den Berg Hardhout, GWW Houtimport, F. Jammes, and Peltier Bois did not reply. Maicuru Hardwoods replied (15 June 2025) that “it has not been involved in any of the potentially illegal sales that were flagged”. Moreover, the company states that “the fact that there have been no timber embargoes and no sawmill closures among the reported sawmills would seem to indicate, without having reviewed each and every case in the report, that the fines have all or mostly been levied for administrative faults” which is not considered a “red line” for Maicuru. The full response of Maicuru Hardwoods can be found [here](#).

Case description

Little official information is available on Brasil Exportadora de Madeiras, for which a formal website seems to be lacking. Its ownership likely includes LR Participações Ltda and members of the Rymsza family (1). One of the owners, Leandro Rymsza, has been linked to batches of irregular timber while being the chairman of AIMEX, a representation of Pará's timber exporters that (unsuccessfully) tried to “suspend 3,000 administrative proceedings filed by IBAMA for lack of export authorization (Autex) in operations carried out between 2018 and 2019” (2).

Between January 2021 and May 2025, IBAMA imposed 17 fines on Brasil Exportadora de Madeiras for alleged illegal timber operations (see also previous page for more details), totalling BRL 756,087 (about 117,345 Euros) (3). Since these were all imposed after the EUDR cut-off date (30 December 2020), the company and its buyers run the risk of being noncompliant under the legality requirements of the EUDR.

Based on the shipment data sample (4), Brasil Exportadora de Madeiras exported 11,298 metric tons of sawn tropical wood (HS code 4407) to five European countries between 1 January 2021 – 30 November 2023. Most buyers are based in the Netherlands (86%), including GWW Houtimport, Van den Berg Hardhout, and Houtvisie. GWW Houtimport and Van den Berg Hardhout are both based in Lopik, Netherlands, and share a historical connection. GWW Houtimport was established in 1999 as a joint venture between A. van den Berg BV and Adr. Hoogendoorn & Zn. B.V., focusing on supplying FSC and PEFC certified hardwood for ground, road, and water construction projects (5, 6). Van den Berg Hardhout is one of the Netherlands' largest hardwood suppliers. The company imports, machines, and distributes FSC-certified tropical hardwoods for various outdoor applications, including decking, cladding, and street furniture. Their sourcing is primarily from Brazil (5). Houtvisie, founded in 2016, focuses on timber solutions for ground, road, and water construction projects. In 2020, Houtvisie was removed from the FSC certification system due to false claims regarding the certification status of their timber (7). In Houtvisie's website, the company still refers to FSC certified wood, stating that “Houtvisie supplies legal and sustainable wood with, for example, FSC® C-162333 and PEFC/30-32-1029 quality marks.” (8).

- (1) <https://cnpj.biz/23408975000159>, viewed in May 2025.
- (2) De Olho nos Ruralistas (27 September 2023). *The U.S. Port That Is a Leading Destination for Illegal Timber Imports From Brazil's Amazon Rainforest*, viewed in June 2025.
- (3) Brazilian IBAMA website, environmental fines were analysed between 1 January 2021 and 15 May 2025. online: <https://servicos.ibama.gov.br/ctf/publico/areasembargadas/>, viewed in May 2025.
- (4) Brazilian shipment data 1 January 2021 – 30 November 2023, for HS codes 4403 (roundwood), 4407 (sawn wood), 4412 (plywood).
- (5) Website Van den Berg Hardhout, online: <https://www.vandenberghardhout.com>, viewed in May 2025.
- (6) Website GWW Houtimport, online: www.houtindegww.nl, viewed in May 2025.
- (7) FSC (2020), *FSC Suspends Timber Trader in Netherlands for False Claims*, online: <https://fsc.org/en/newscentre/integrity-and-disputes/fsc-suspends-timber-trader-in-netherlands-for-false-claims>, viewed in May 2025.
- (8) Website Houtvisie, online: <https://houtvisiebv.nl/>, viewed in May 2025.