



Location: Belém, Pará, Brazil

Biome: Amazon (Brazil)

Forest managed: Unknown

Ultimate owner: KRC Investments

[Link to European buyers](#)

CRAS Agroindustria wood (4407) exports to EU



Top-5 EU importing country



Top-3 EU importing operators

Operator	Percentage
Van den Berg Hardhout	92%
Nailtra	5%
GWV Houtimport	1%
Peltier	45%
Guillemette et Cie	41%
Pierre Robert	14%

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

Sanctions

Year	Sanctions	Amount (BRL)	Details of fines (locations)
2021	1	6,549	Exporting 21.8295 m ³ of garapa and yellow ipê decking, without the export authorization provided for Ibama Normative Instruction No. 15/2011 (Belém, Pará).
2022	3	41,559	Selling and exporting respectively 19.9275 m ³ , 41,236 m ³ , and 77,367 m ³ of various sawn wood products and species (e.g. Cumaru Sawn Wood, Hymenolobium Ducke - Angelim-Pedra, and Angelim Vermelho) without valid licenses granted by the competent authority (Belém and Barcarena, Pará).
2023	51	1,164,518	Too many fines to summarise here. All fines are linked to locations Belém and Barcarena in Pará, and in particular to exporting wood without valid environmental licenses. For instance, for "selling 19.6063 m ³ of sawn wood of Angelim-vermelho (Dinizia excelsa Ducke), being 7.295 m ³ of beams and 12.3113 m ³ of planks, through GF3/DOF: 380268, Invoice: 621, DU-E 19BR000366114-7, country of destination Netherlands (Holland), without Export Authorization issued by Ibama, failing to comply with IBAMA Normative Instruction No. 15/2011". AidEnvironment can share all fine descriptions upon request.
2024	6	3,318,988	Five fines relate to exporting various timber sawn wood species without the proper environmental licenses and authorization, and one on transporting processed wood in disagreement with the SEMAS/PA forestry transport guide number 1174263 (Belém and Barcarena, Pará).
2025 (May)	0	0	
Total	61	4,531,614	

Overview IBAMA imposed environmental fines on CRAS Agroindustria 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.

IBAMA sactions imposed on CRAS Agroindustria total **BRL 4,531,614** between 2021-2025

Business relationships

European wood buyers of CRAS Agroindustria:
Van den Berg Hardhout
Nailtra
GWW Houtimport, Peltier,
Guillemette et Cie

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, and Peltier Bois did not reply.

Case description

Established in 2011, CRAS Agroindustria Ltda operates under the umbrella of CRAS Brasil, a Brazilian company engaged in agribusiness, trading, energy, and processed wood products (1). Apart from a wood processing site in Belém municipality in Pará state, CRAS Agroindustria operates a production facility in Itaju, São Paulo, specializing in peanut oil processing, making the company one of the leading Brazilian peanut oil exporters. CRAS Brasil is majority owned by KRC Investments (51%), while CEO Rodrigo Chitarelli reportedly owns 29% of the company and Treasury Stock 20% (2).

Even though IBAMA since 2019 significantly decreased the number of fines due to the new federal government environmental governance strategy, the Brazilian organisation still imposed 61 fines on CRAS Agroindustrial for allegedly illegal timber operations (see also previous page for more details), totalling BRL 4.5 million (about 717,800 Euros) between January 2021 and May 2025 (3). Since these are all 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.

One of these buyers with high risk is Van den Berg Hardhout in the Netherlands. The company is a leading importer and distributor of FSC-certified tropical hardwoods. The IBAMA imposed fines clearly indicate the Netherlands as a destination country of some of the illegal hardwood exported. With CRAS Agroindustria exporting 99% of its Brazilian sawn woods (HS 4407) to the Netherlands in the shipment data sample, of which Van den Berg Hardhout receives 92% (4), chances are significant that this Dutch operator will receive tropical hardwoods such as Ipê, Cumuru, and Jatobá from CRAS Agroindustrial that may be noncompliant with the EUDR's legality requirements.

(1) CRAS Brasil website, online: <https://www.crasbrasil.com.br/>, viewed in May 2025.

(2) Datamar News (2022). Peanut Oil drives CRAS Brasil growth, online: <https://www.datamarnews.com/noticias/peanut-oil-drives-cras-brasil-growth>, viewed in May 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).