



Exporting processed timber

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Since 15 May 2010 logs may no longer be exported: article 227 of the forest code, amended by ordinance no. 008/PR/2010 of 25 February 2010, reserves national log output for local mills. Only processed products that meet the standards and dimensions set by ministerial order may leave the country. Exporters must mark their bundles, obtain the phytosanitary certificate, domicile the export with a bank with a foreign exchange undertaking when the sale outside CEMAC reaches 5 million FCFA, obtain the BIETC and pay export duty according to the processing stage.

Steps 7	Total indicative delay At least 1 day 6 steps without a published delay	Total indicative cost 2,500 FCFA to 3,500 FCFA plus 6 proportional or variable fees
Responsible institution Ministry of Water and Forests, Environment and Climate, in charge of Human-Wildlife Conflict		Last validation 22 September 2026

Steps

1 Check that the product may be exported

Order no. 015/MEF/SG/DGICBVPF of 22 February 2012, amended by order no. 132/MFEPRN/SG/DGICBVPF, lists the products allowed. Squared logs, boules, reversed boules and slabs may not be exported, except slabs no thicker than 250 mm and no wider than 2 m produced by integrated mills that have invested at least 25 billion FCFA. Sawn timber is subject to maximum dimensions (for example 200 x 200 mm over 10 m for beams, 80 x 400 mm over 10 m for boards). Kevazingo has been classed as non-harvestable since decree no. 00099/PR/MFE of 19 March 2018.

Institution	Ministry of Water and Forests, Environment and Climate, in charge of Human-Wildlife Conflict
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Not published
Fees	No published fee for this check
Link	https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/gab160686.pdf

2 Mark the bundles and draw up the specification sheet

Each bundle leaving the mill is marked in French with its number, conditioning (moisture content, chemical treatment), contract number, destination and the operator's mark. It comes with a specification sheet in French giving the species, number of pieces, dimensions and volume or weight.

Institution	Ministry of Water and Forests, Environment and Climate, in charge of Human-Wildlife Conflict
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Not published
Documents	Timber bundle specification sheet
Fees	Not published
Link	https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/gab160686.pdf

3 Obtain the phytosanitary certificate

AGASA's plant health police inspect plants, plant products and wooden packaging for export and issue the phytosanitary certificate. The fee scale is set by decree no. 000922/PR/MEFBP/MAEDR of 18 October 2005.

Institution	Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)
Channel	Online or at the counter
Delay	Not published
Documents	Phytosanitary certificate
Fees	Phytosanitary certificate for processed or semi-processed timber exports, per cubic metre (WTO 2023): 500 FCFA (official)
Link	https://agasa.site/

4 Domicile the export and sign the foreign exchange undertaking (outside CEMAC, 5 million FCFA or more)

BEAC Instruction No. 006/GR/2019 of 10 June 2019 covers exports of goods and services outside CEMAC (article 1). Unless exempted, any export worth at least 5 million FCFA is domiciled with a single licensed credit institution, which carries out the banking formalities for the exporter until the file is cleared (articles 6 and 7). Domiciliation comes before customs clearance (article 9). For goods, the file contains the export declaration, a copy of the commercial contract or an equivalent document, the firm foreign exchange undertaking following the template annexed to the instruction, the tax identification number and, for restricted goods, the required authorisations (article 13). Exemptions include supplies to foreign ships and aircraft, samples not for sale, gifts to a foreign State and permanent removals outside CEMAC (article 18). Splitting an export to stay below the threshold is prohibited (article 27). Proceeds are repatriated to CEMAC through the domiciliation bank within 150 days of export at most (article 20).

Institution	Licensed intermediary banks (domiciliation banks)
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Processing time not published; domiciliation before customs clearance and repatriation of proceeds within 150 days at most (BEAC Instruction No. 006/GR/2019, art. 9 and 20)
Documents	Foreign exchange undertaking, Commercial invoice
Fees	Not published (bank charges set by each bank)
Link	https://www.beac.int/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Instruction-N%C2%B0-006-GR-2019.pdf

5 Obtain the BIETC from the Gabonese Shippers' Council

The exporter records the shipment on the BIETC platform of the Gabonese Shippers' Council (CGC). The note covers outbound freight by sea, air and road and supports the freight traffic monitoring set up by ordinance no. 009/PR/2014 of 20 August 2014.

Institution	Gabonese Shippers' Council (CGC)
Channel	Online or at the counter
Location	Gabonese Shippers' Council office in Owendo (filing of documents)
Delay	Not published; for air freight the document is released on arrival after checks and payment
Documents	Contract of carriage, Commercial invoice, Freight invoice or certificate, Packing list
Fees	Export BIETC, all zones and modes (WTO 2023, CGC): 2,500 FCFA (official) Express freight export supplement (WTO 2023): 1,000 FCFA (official)
Link	https://cgcgabon.ga/bietc-aerien/

6 File the detailed export declaration in ASYCUDA World

A licensed customs broker files the detailed declaration in ASYCUDA World (SYDONIA World), with the sanitary or phytosanitary certificate and the certificate of origin when the importing country requires them. A simplified export declaration (DESE) is available to some exporters. Export duties depend on the processing stage set by finance law no. 019/2020 of 17 July 2020: furniture, joinery, flooring, panels, pallets, carvings and other third stage products are exempt. Administrative reference values are used as the basis for processed timber.

Institution	Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI)
Channel	Online or at the counter
Location	Customs headquarters, 823 avenue Nelson Mandela, Oloumi industrial zone, Libreville, and customs offices at the port, airport and land borders
Delay	Average customs processing time for exports of 24 hours according to the authorities (WTO 2023) (official)
Documents	Detailed customs declaration, Commercial invoice, Packing list, Foreign exchange undertaking, Electronic cargo tracking note (BIETC)
Fees	Export duty, first stage processing: 7.5% (official) Export duty, second stage processing: 3% (official) Export duty, third stage processing: 0% (official)
Link	https://www.douanes.ga/professionnels/procedures-douanieres

7 For the European Union: provide due diligence data to the buyer

Timber and derived products fall under Regulation (EU) 2023/1115. The operator placing the product on the EU market must file a due diligence statement showing the wood comes from forests without deforestation or degradation after 31 December 2020 and was legally produced. The Gabonese exporter supplies geolocation coordinates and proof of legality. After postponement, these obligations apply from 30 December 2026 for large and medium companies and from 30 June 2027 for micro and small companies (Regulation (EU) 2025/2650).

Institution	European Commission and competent authorities of EU member states (UE)
Channel	Online
Delay	Not published
Documents	Due diligence statement (EU deforestation regulation)
Fees	No public fee set by the regulation
Link	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/1115/oj

Documents to prepare

☐	Timber bundle specification sheet Step 2
	Issued by Ministry of Water and Forests, Environment and Climate, in charge of Human-Wildlife Conflict
☐	Phytosanitary certificate Step 3
	Issued by Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)

☐	Foreign exchange undertaking Issued by Licensed intermediary banks (domiciliation banks)	Steps 4, 6
☐	Commercial invoice	Steps 4, 5, 6
☐	Contract of carriage	Step 5
☐	Freight invoice or certificate	Step 5
☐	Packing list	Steps 5, 6
☐	Detailed customs declaration Issued by Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI)	Step 6
☐	Electronic cargo tracking note (BIETC) Issued by Gabonese Shippers' Council (CGC)	Step 6
☐	Due diligence statement (EU deforestation regulation) Issued by European Commission and competent authorities of EU member states (UE)	Step 7

Fees

Step	Fee	Amount	Basis	Status
1	No published fee for this check	Not published		
2	Not published	Not published	Variable	
3	Phytosanitary certificate for processed or semi-processed timber exports, per cubic metre (WTO 2023)	500 FCFA	Variable	Official
4	Not published (bank charges set by each bank)	Not published	Variable	
5	Export BIETC, all zones and modes (WTO 2023, CGC)	2,500 FCFA	Fixed amount	Official
5	Express freight export supplement (WTO 2023)	1,000 FCFA	Fixed amount	Official
6	Export duty, first stage processing	7.5%	Percentage	Official
6	Export duty, second stage processing	3%	Percentage	Official
6	Export duty, third stage processing	0%	Percentage	Official
7	No public fee set by the regulation	Not published		

Legal basis

Code	Forest code Loi n° 016/01 du 31 décembre 2001 portant code forestier en République gabonaise, of 31 December 2001
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Ordinance	Ordinance amending the forest code (log export ban) Ordonnance n° 008/PR/2010 du 25 février 2010 portant modification et abrogation de certaines dispositions de la loi n° 16/01 du 31 décembre 2001 portant code forestier en République gabonaise, of 25 February 2010
Regulation	CEMAC customs code Règlement n° 05/19-UEAC-010A-CM-33 du 22 mars 2019 portant révision du Code des douanes de la CEMAC, of 22 March 2019
Regulation	Regulation on foreign exchange in CEMAC Règlement n° 02/18/CEMAC/UMAC/CM du 21 décembre 2018, of 21 December 2018
Regulation	EU deforestation regulation (EUDR) Règlement (UE) 2023/1115 du Parlement européen et du Conseil du 31 mai 2023, JO L 150 du 9 juin 2023, modifié notamment par le règlement (UE) 2025/2650, of 31 May 2023

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