



SECTOR

# Forestry products

## Atlantic Port La Rochelle, the best solution for importers of forest products.

Because of the presence of industrial units capable of managing the entire chain of processing activities in the timber industry, Atlantic Port La Rochelle is the top-ranking port for the importation of forest products in France.

### THE REFERENCE PORT WITH MAJOR ASSETS

The high capacity of covered storage (70,000 m<sup>2</sup> of buildings), the maritime access in deep water (the only port in the French Atlantic coast) and the natural outlet from South America and West Africa are assets that make Atlantic Port La Rochelle the preferred solution of forest products importers.

With regard to paper pulp, a vast and efficient rail network supplying a large hinterland reaching the Rhône-Alpes region may be added to these assets.

**856,000 t**  
of forest products passed through the Port in 2014, i.e. 9% of its total traffic

### ATLANTIC PORT LA ROCHELLE LEADS IN VALUE ADDITION

From logs to processed products, from tropical timber to country wood, a full range of wood-processing services is available on-site: sawing, storage, lamination and planing.

**1<sup>st</sup> European port for the import of logs**      **1<sup>st</sup> French port for import and processing of forest products**      **1/3 of pulp imports passes through La Rochelle**



### THE REFERENCE PLACE OF THE PULP MARKET IN FRANCE

Ideally positioned in the centre of Europe and directly connected to South America, the Port of La Rochelle is the first French port and the second European port for unloading pulp.

In view of high growth prospects of this market, Atlantic Port La Rochelle will invest 25 million euros by 2019 for developing the nautical capacities of the Chef de Baie forestry terminal. This will allow the ship owners to make it an Europe-wide distribution platform by the year 2020.

### THREE TERMINALS DEDICATED TO THIS SECTOR

Three terminals of the Port can receive forest products: Chef de Baie and Môle d'Escaie for ships to deep draft, and the Lock Basin for small and medium carriers.



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## FOREST PRODUCTS SECTOR, HEADING TOWARDS GROWTH

Increase in traffic:

**+ 9 %** in 2014 compared to 2012

**+ 7 %** for the pulp

### Hinterland



### Sources

