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ECITO (ORMOA) ITALY
c/o H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
(Transportation & Shipping Sub-Commission)
C.M.F.

400/7

21 January 1946.

Telegram: ALCON POMA CITE ACTPT for ECITO ORMOA

ACE/ch.

Telephone: 843.458.

Reference: PY - 408.

Subject: Timber for use of Italian State Railways.

To: Director - Allied Commission, AUSTRIA.

Copy: Tn. Sub-Commission (Rail Div) - Lt. Col. Street.

1. For some considerable time past the Allied Railway Board and the Stores Sub-Committee of that Board have been very much concerned about the supply of timber necessary for maintenance and repair of railway track, passenger coaches and freight stock.
2. At the Meeting of the Board held on 6 November last, special consideration was given to this subject because of the urgent need for protection of perishable traffic during the Winter season and to improve the track in order to meet the growing demands of countries which will receive their supplies through Italian ports.
3. Allied Commission, Italy, was instructed to make enquiries into the possibilities of arranging for export or exchange of Austrian timber, and it is understood that the Italian State Railways before the War had a concession in certain Austrian forests to meet their particular needs.
4. It is desired to emphasise the extreme urgency of this matter, and in view of the traffic now beginning to pass through Austria for civilian needs it is hoped a satisfactory basis may be established where the transportation charges due to the Italian State Railways can be used as credit for the purchase of timber.
5. In this connection a copy of a letter is attached hereto which shews action taken by the Transportation Sub Commission of Allied Commission to obtain timber in exchange for sulphuric acid which is now being shipped into Austria. This letter sets out the important requirements in spruce and larch, but it is hoped you will find it possible to investigate the availability of all forms of timber essential for railway needs, and which could be usefully used in exchange for goods passing from Italy into Austria.

- Telephone: ALBION ROOM OTHER DEPT FOR 3210 2ND FL.

Fig. 1. The dependence of the rate of the reaction of the polymerization of α -methylstyrene on the concentration of the initiator.

804 - 11 - 1908-1911

Subject: Wagon for use of Indian State Highway.

Director - A. J. () 1961

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R. W. L. FELLOWS,
Divisional Officer,
BOTTO (ORMOA) ITALY.

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (Br) Main
C.M.F.

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Tel: 843191/11.

Ref: AC/Mat/2/32/Tn 4.

4 December 45.

SUBJECT: Timber for ISP from Austria.

TO: Commerce Division HQ AC
Attn. Lt. Col. Tooby.

1. Reference our AC/Mat/2/51/Tn 4 dated 29 November 1945 above subject and conversation with your office of 3 Dec 45 (Major Saul - Major Long).
2. The ISR are agreeable to accept lumber from Austria on a barter basis for the 200/300 tons of sulphuric acid which is being shipped to Austria.
3. They prefer that the shipment be composed of 70% spruce and 30% larch, as near as possible of the following: thicknesses in commercial widths and lengths;

Spruce 70%

Thickness	20 cm.	25 cm.	33 cm.	43 cm.	50 cm.	60 cm.
	10%	15%	35%	30%	5%	5%

Larch 30%

Length	Thickness	
2.65	x	0.043 25%
2.80	x	0.053 50%
3.00	x	0.063 25%

4. The price per cubic meter of the lumber is approx. 3000 lire. Sulphuric Acid is approx. 7500 lire per ton.
5. It is presumed that the barter will be on an equitable basis and the accounting will be approved by the Minister of Commerce.
6. The lumber should be consigned to ISR Magazzino Approvvigionamenti Vicenza.

Director.

Copy to: Chief Rail Div. - Bld.
Chief of Stores Service, ISR - Bld.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

CF/al

Tel. 489081 - Ext. 328

15 January 1946

Ref. AG/5580/IND

SUBJECT : Release of Timber

TO : A.C. Chief Liaison Officer, Venezia,
Treviso.

1. The firms S.A. Costruzioni Meccaniche A. Cecchetti, Civitanova Marche, which operates a plant for the repair of railroad cars, has requested an allocation of :

500 cu. metres fir boards
500 cu. metres fir planks.

2. This lumber was allotted to the firm by the Comitato Industriale del Legno on 10 October 1945, and the request carries the approval of Transportation Sub-Commission A.C. (11 August 1945), Comitato Industriale dei Veicoli Ferroviari (16 October 1945), Military Railway Service, Milan (16 October 1945), Ministero delle Comunicazioni (16 October 1945) and Military Railway Service, AFHQ (27 October 1945).

3. It will therefore be seen that the release of this timber is fully supported by all the authorities concerned.

4. This Department in December requested the release of 1,000 cubic metres of timber from Udine but the reply received from Headquarters, AMG, Udine Province, dated 4 January 1946, stated that the total output of the mills in that area was taken by the military and that none was available for civilians.

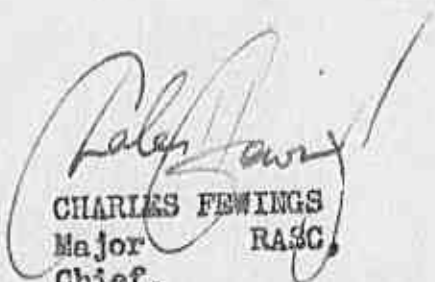
5. It is believed that the timber requested is available in the Belluno area. Whilst it is appreciated that this area is no longer under Allied Military Government, in view of the urgency of this request and of the support given to it both by Allied and Italian authorities concerned, it would be greatly appreciated if you would do everything possible to facilitate the release of the timber to the firm and arrange transportation from its present location to their plant in Civitanova (Marche).

6. We would appreciate being informed of any action taken.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE :

Copy to :-

Transportation Sub-Commission
Ministero delle Comunicazioni
Ministero dell'Industria e
Commercio.


CHARLES FEWINGS
Major RASC,
Chief,
Industry Department.

Allied Force
 MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE-ITALY
 Headquarters 774th Railway Grand Division
 Office of Deputy Director

A. P. O. 512
 21 December 1945

410-4D

SUBJECT: Lumber Shipped to Italian State Railways from Engineer
 Depot, Leghorn.

TO: See Distribution:

1. The following carloads of lumber were shipped on 16 December 1945 to destinations indicated:

Foligno

77214505
 1118599
 184450
 5012
 25822
 193706

Bologna

7301700
 137740
 183059
 359295
 202490
 171541

2. The following carloads of lumber were shipped on 15 December 1945 to destinations indicated:

Florence
(Forte Frato)

7407988
 474271
 417789
 7449315
 74599
 2615481
 62025

Florence
(Santa Maria Novella)

410308
 445992
 479053
 416099
 498399
 1126329
 1016199
 16426


 W. T. KELLY
 Lt Col, TC
 Deputy Director

DISTRIBUTION:

Director MRS (Brigadier Waghorn)
 Director ISR (General Di Raimondo)
 Mr. Moss, Ry Sub-Commission, A.C.
 Stores Section (Br)
 Stores Section (Italian)
 Engineer Tonni (ISR Equipment)

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Subject: Timber Requirements of I.S.R.

Transportation (Dr)Main,
C.M.F.
Tel: Firebox 9345.

Tn.A.2/51.
24 November 45.

To: Chairman, Allied Rly. Board,
D.G.M.G. (Mov) G.H.Q., C.M.F.

Copy to: D.D.M.R.S.,
D.D.Tn.,
A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission,
File: Tn. A.2/155,
Tn. A.2/75.

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Willis - Chaplin.

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I.S.R. maximum expectations are now assessed at 4,000 cubic metres.

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It is found that prior to decontrolling the area the U.S. Forces requisitioned all sawn timber, which is now stockpiled at Leghorn. I.S.R. state that due to the low price paid by the Allied Military, cutting in the forests has been restricted to a minimum to avoid requisitioning or forced sale when sawn at an economical price. In these circumstances I.S.R. have been able only to obtain 2000 cubic metres from this source, logs are not available to cut further supplies and unless the winter proves exceptionally mild the 2000 cubic metres will be the total forthcoming from this source.

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(a) To secure I.S.R. access to the Br. zone Calabria to enable ⁵⁰⁰ contract for limited supplies i.e. up to 13000 cub. metres for delivery Dec. 45 to May 46.

(b) That additional pressure be put upon P.B.S. to release further supplies ex Leghorn stockpile.

May suitable action please be taken.

/S/ D. R. H. Chaplin

D. R. H. CHAPLIN, Lt. Col.,
A.D.Tn. (Stores),
for Brigadier,

Director of Transportation

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. 400/2
(RAIL DIVISION)
* TRANSPORTATION (BR) MAIN, C.M.F.

Tel : 843209

Ref : AC/400/Tn4

30th November 1945

SUBJECT : Timber.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to letter 19 November concerning timber supply for the Italian State Railways.

2. Transmitted herewith is copy of letter from the Director of Transportation 24 Nov 1945 to the Chairman Allied Railway Board, D.C.M.G. (mov) G.H.Q., C.M.F. setting forth that there has been a deterioration in the already difficult timber supply situation.

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R. P. MOSS
Chief of Rail Division

copy to : D.M.R.S.

TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION, A. C.
(Rail Division)
TRANSPORTATION (BB) MADE, C. M. F.

RPM/lml 400/1

Tel. 843209
Ref. AG/400/Tn4

19 November 1945

SUBJECT : Timber.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Attached is extract of Minute No. 102 of the Tenth Meeting of the Allied Railway Board, Stores Sub-Committee, held 6 November 1945.

2. This subject deals with the timber requirements for the Italian State Railways and it is brought out that there is an extreme shortage at the present moment and that this shortage will increase within the next few months.

3. It is pointed out that the U. S. Army has now de-controlled the zones in which they were cutting timber in the Calabria and Bolzano areas. Although the matter has been handled through G-4 (Mov & Tr) AFHQ to have the zones controlled by the British Military in Calabria and Northern Italy de-controlled, the de-controlling has not been accomplished to date. Further, it is pointed out that it is proposed that the Allied Commission, Transportation Sub-Commission, explore the possible sources of timber supply in Austria for the Italian State Railways.

4. It is the opinion of the Rail Division that action should not be taken to procure timber from Austria, until the British have de-controlled the Calabria zone and the zones now controlled in Northern Italy. Certainly, we are not on firm ground to take such action as long as the principal timber zones of Italy are controlled by the Military. The war in Italy has now been over for seven months, many of the military depots are carrying large stocks of timber, while the reconstruction work and rehabilitation of equipment of the Italian State Railways is being severely hampered due to lack of timber.

5. This is an important matter and it is recommended that it be handled by the Chief Commissioner with the Supreme Allied Commander to effect the de-control of the timber zones in Calabria and Northern Italy, now under control of the British Military. Please send to this Office for our File a copy of action taken.

R. P. MOSE
Chief, Rail Division

Attachment: As stated above.

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Minute No. 102

TIMBER.

Chairman reported that U. S. Army had now decontrolled the Calabria and Bolzano zones, which action should ease the procurement situation for the I. S. R. The British Army had not yet been able to effect any decontrol of the BR. Zone, Calabria, and the facts in this connection were being reported to D.Q.M.G.(Mov.), G.H.Q. C.M.F. for consideration. Ing. Bracci reported on the I.S.R. supply position as follows:

Calabria Supplies. I. S. R. had only been successful in obtaining 6/7000 cubic meters for delivery this season. Further contracts were being made for forward deliveries in 1946.

Bolzano. The 20,000 cubic meters promised by firms in this area had not materialized and he had sent a representative to Bolzano to clear up difficulties and ensure release. An Italian Timber Control Committee had been set up in Northern Italy and it was hoped that an allocation would be made to permit movement arranged through A. C. and P. R. S. to take place before winter set in.

Chairman pointed out that the monthly consumption of timber for all I.S.R. purposes exclusive of sleepers was approx. 5500 cubic meters and requirements for months December to May inclusive would amount to 20/21,000 cubic meters of timber. Present contracts would provide 6/7000 cubic meters leaving a deficiency of 14/15,000 cubic meters to be found if I. S. R. repair and reconstruction work was not to stop or be hampered.

Additional difficulties arise in connection with sleepers where 5 million were originally needed in 1945 but contracts let for 1,000,000 only, of which 600,000 were already delivered. 2,000,000 sleepers per year are normally required but war damage had necessitated heavy increase in requirements. Minimum requirements for 1946 were 3,000,000 sleepers, against which I.S.R. have been able only to contract for 1,000,000.

Ing. Bracci stated that Italy had always relied on the importation of certain types of timber in pre-war days.

The Chairman proposed that A. C. Italy should take up with A. C. Austria the possibilities of procurement of timber from Austrian sources for I.S.R. use. The need for urgent action by I.S.R. to cover potential deficiency in supplies was also stressed.

ACTION:- (a) A.C. En. Sub-Commission to explore possible source of supply for I.S.R. in Austria.

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