



Austria is one of the most important export countries for sawn softwoods, and wood is also one of the country's most important export products. Both the processing and sale of wood belong to one of the national branches of industry with the longest traditions.

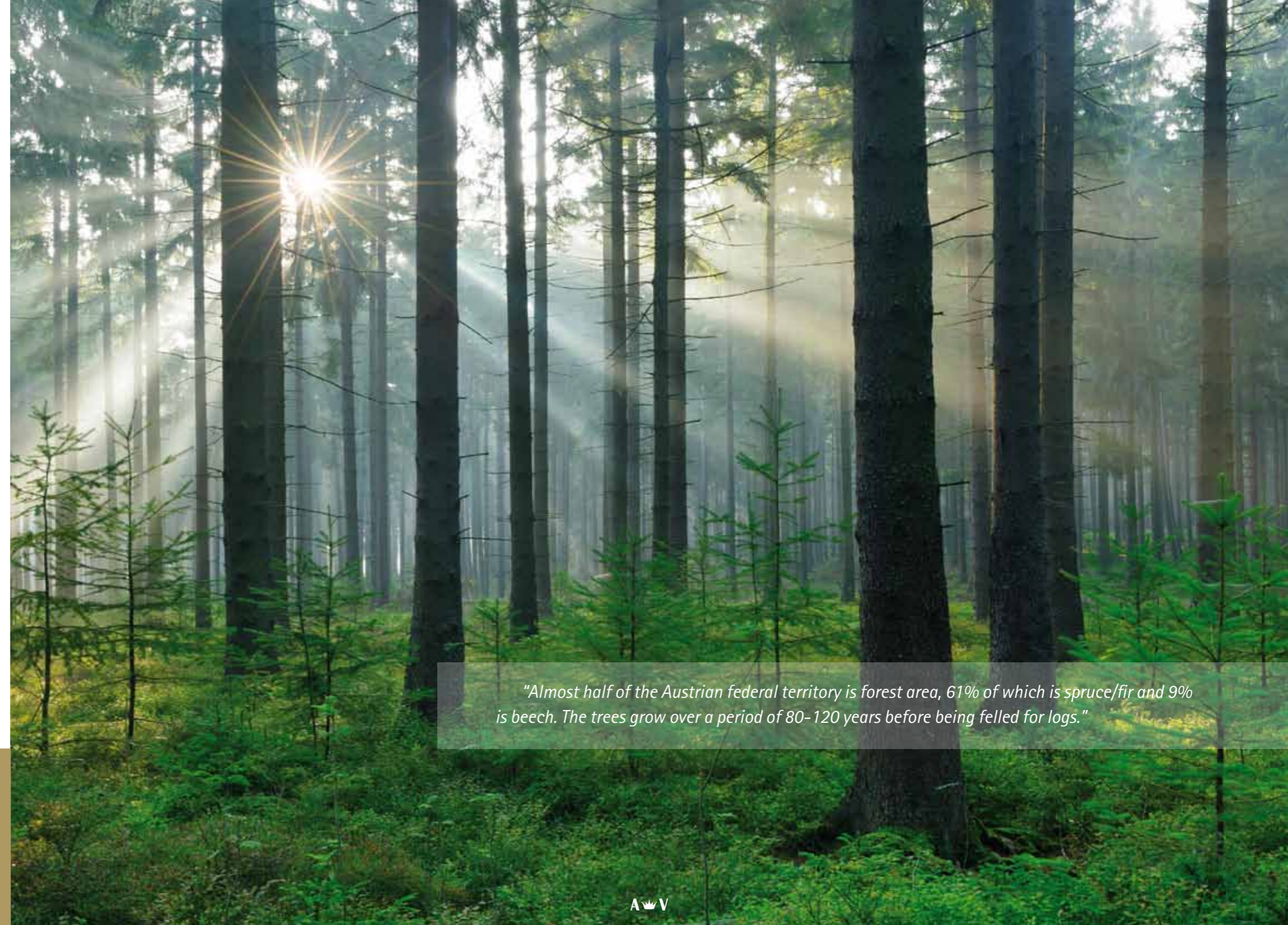
Alfred Vesely TIMBER EXPORT is one of Austria's leading wood export companies that primarily supplies sawn softwood (spruce and fir, and pine upon request) to the Middle East, as well as to North and East African countries.

In 2004, in recognition of our services, we were one of the first Austrian companies to be awarded the "Export Award 2004".

We are proud of being a family company with a long tradition; a company that has already taken that important step into the future.

I will be delighted to respond personally to every enquiry. I am available as a direct contact for my customers - right through to the delivery and acceptance of the goods.

Yours sincerely,
Alfred Vesely



"Almost half of the Austrian federal territory is forest area, 61% of which is spruce/fir and 9% is beech. The trees grow over a period of 80-120 years before being felled for logs."

Wood processing

Using the most state-of-the-art harvesters, the trees are felled and their branches removed and cut down to a standard 4m. Only a few logs are available in other lengths. (image 1, a log being sawn)

Chipper line



Band saw



Individual soaking

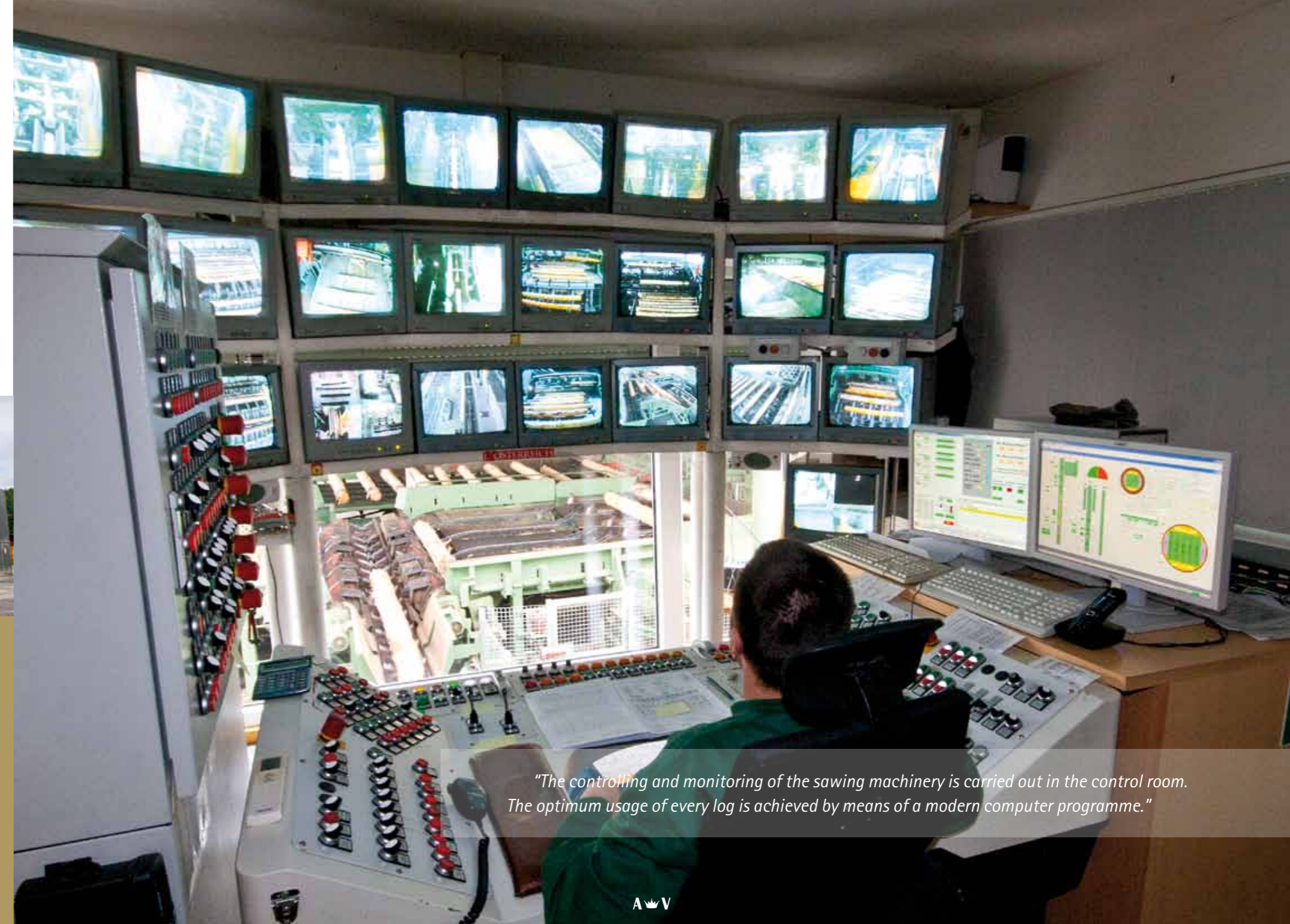


Drying chamber



The logs are further processed in modern sawmills in accordance with the customer's request. Here, our preference is for modern chipper plants and band sawmills rather than classic rift plants, since the former achieve a particularly smooth surface cut.

The wood can be chemically treated or dried in order to prevent it from turning blue. During the warmer seasons (April until November), it is already possible for chemical soaking to take place piece by piece in several sawmills in Austria. Alternatively, we are able to carry out the soaking of entire packages in the Adriatic harbour. In the case of container consignments, the wood is also chamber dried. Here too there is only a limited capacity in Austria. We are also able to air dry the wood in the Adriatic harbour.



"The controlling and monitoring of the sawing machinery is carried out in the control room. The optimum usage of every log is achieved by means of a modern computer programme."

Packaging; transportation to the harbour

Fresh wood is placed in layers (with slats on ever 2nd layer); dried wood - or wood that has been individually soaked - may also be loaded without slats.

We offer the following types of packaging:



Standard packaging:

Height up to approx. 1m x width up to 1.20 x 1-12m. For a length of 4m, a package contains approx. 4.3 cbm.



Semi-packages:

The packages are half the height of standard packages.



Packages with sub-packages:

The packages contain sub-packages of 4-10 pieces. The wood must be dry for this type of packaging.



Container packages:

18 packages (with a length of 4m) fill a "40-foot-high cube container", which amounts to approx. 55 cbm

Large container packages:

Instead of 18 packages, 12 packages (in lengths of 4m) are loaded into a "40-foot-high cube container"; the packages are accordingly higher and heavier!

"Since Austria doesn't have direct access to the sea, the goods are transported to the Adriatic harbour by rail or truck."

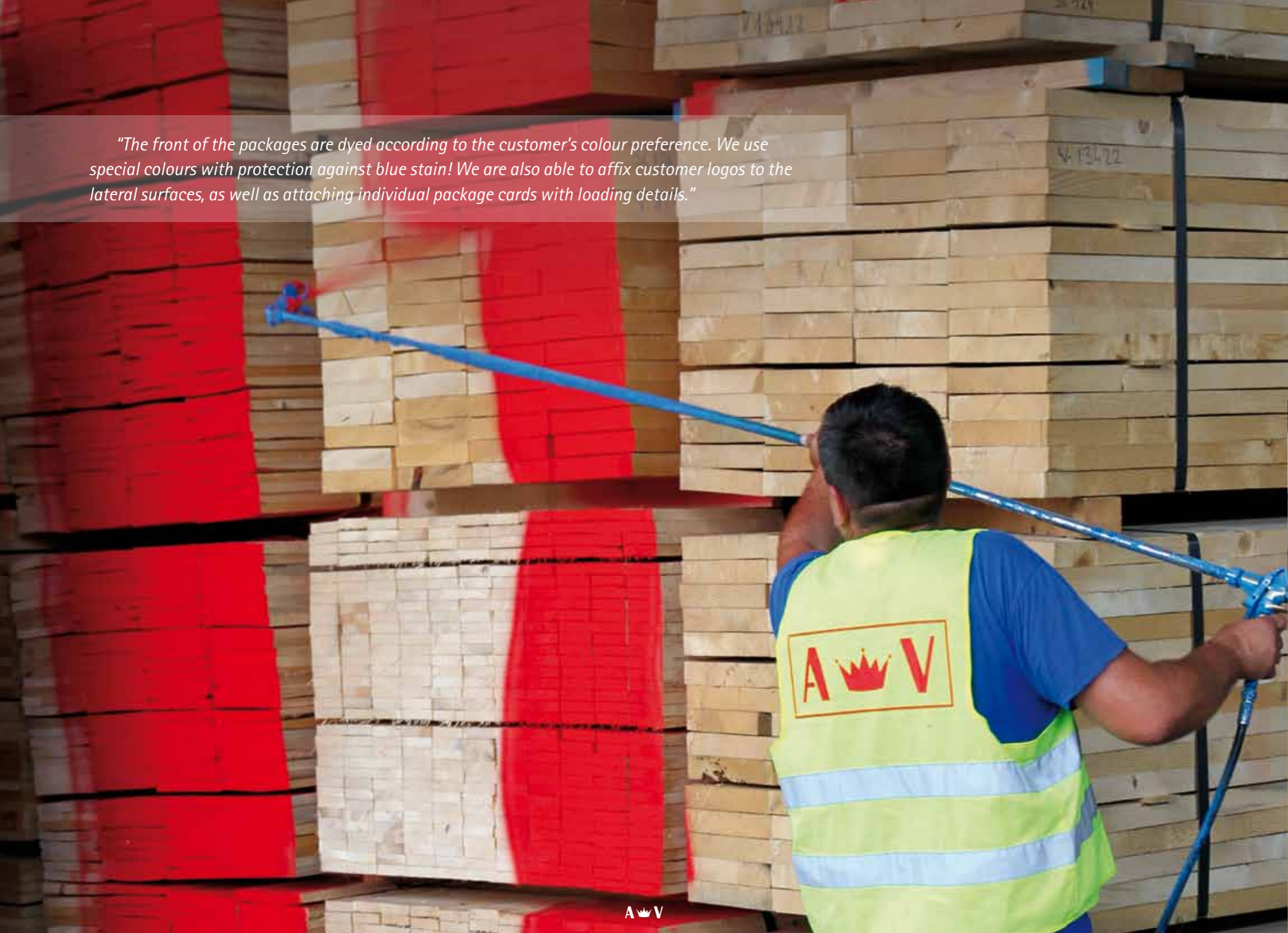




MV ISTRA in front of the Adriatic harbour of Koper

Our company's own motor yacht facilitates the inspection of ships at any time, as well as providing harbour trips and the collection of customers from Italian cities and their direct transportation to Koper.





"The front of the packages are dyed according to the customer's colour preference. We use special colours with protection against blue stain! We are also able to affix customer logos to the lateral surfaces, as well as attaching individual package cards with loading details."

In the harbour: storage, manipulation, inspection

The employees of our offices in the Adriatic harbour take care of the execution of additional work, such as the impregnation against blue stains, drying out, capping and labelling of the wood packages in accordance with the customer's request.

Office in Koper



Warehouse



Air drying



Soaking plant



Soaking:

Since not all sawmills offer a soaking treatment to prevent blue stain, and it is not possible to carry out soaking in Austria during the winter, we have our own soaking plant in the harbour of Koper. Thanks to the milder climate of the Adriatic harbour, it is also generally possible to undertake soaking in winter.



"MV ISTRA ready for loading in the harbour of Koper."

Loading methods in the Adriatic harbour

The loading of the goods takes place on conventional ships, preferably also with slings or in 40-foot-high cube containers.

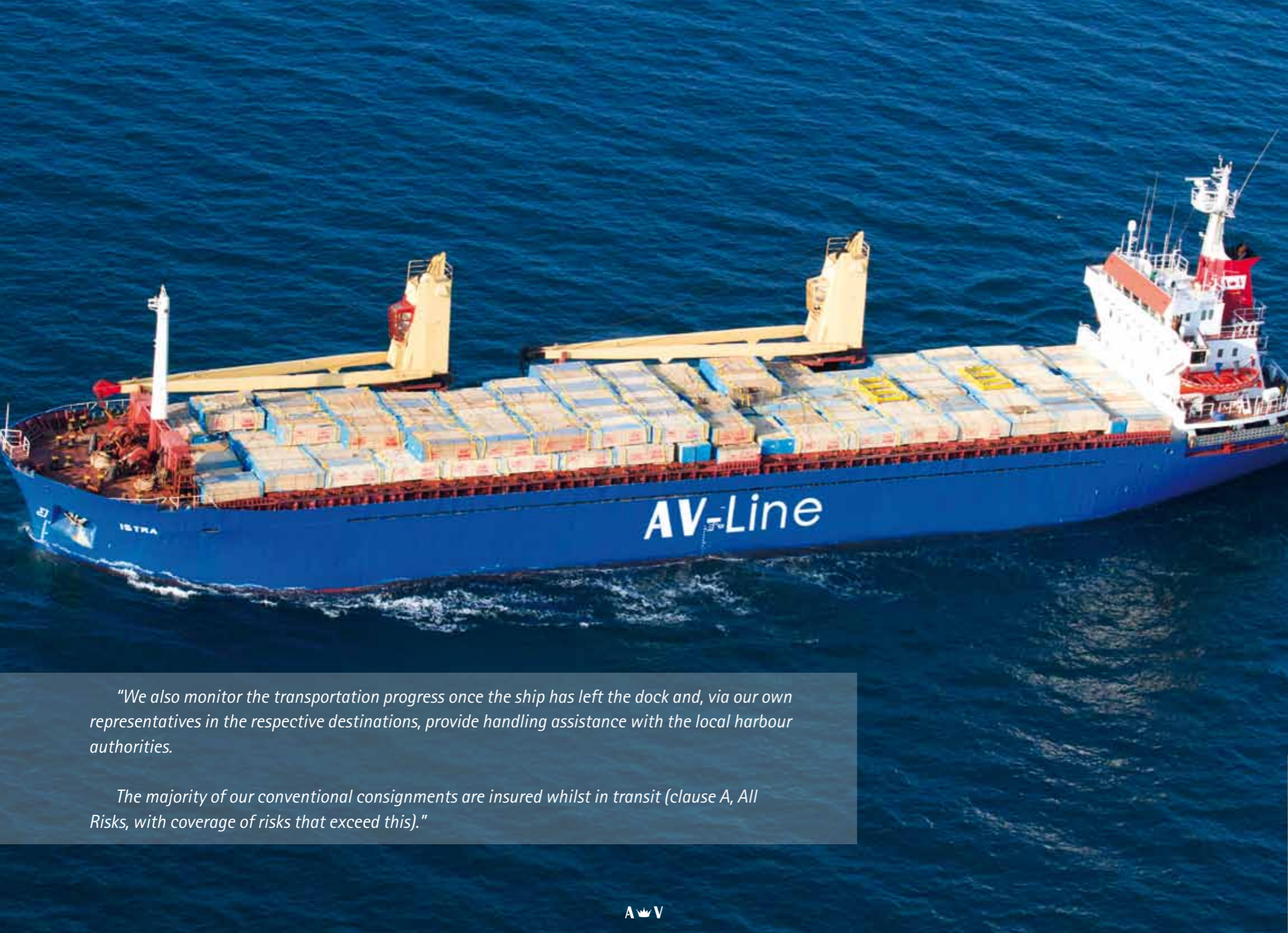
Loading with slings



Container loading



In the case of loading with SLINGS, the wood packages are largely protected from damage, the loading and unloading period shortened and the demurrage costs reduced as a result.



"We also monitor the transportation progress once the ship has left the dock and, via our own representatives in the respective destinations, provide handling assistance with the local harbour authorities."

"The majority of our conventional consignments are insured whilst in transit (clause A, All Risks, with coverage of risks that exceed this)."



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