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## Soviet Forests at the Crossroads: Emerging Trends at a Time of Economic and Political Reform

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### Summary

Political, social, and economic changes occurring in the Soviet Union under policies of *perestroika* and *glasnost* are creating unprecedented interest, opportunities, and risk for the Soviet forest products industry, foreign investors, and competitive suppliers in other countries. The outcome of the changes is far from clear, not only for the forest products industry itself, but also for the country as a whole. As the USSR grapples for clear direction along the twin paths towards political pluralism and decentralized market driven economy, these changes will continue to create uncertainty as well as opportunity.

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