

Representative DELLENBACK. There is such a requirement?

Mr. MOMMA. Yes.

Representative DELLENBACK. And this holds whether it is cedar, spruce, hemlock, or any other specie?

Mr. MOMMA. Just cedar.

Representative DELLENBACK. Just for cedar?

Mr. MOMMA. Yes.

Representative DELLENBACK. Now, what if you bought some hemlock from one of these other firms. Would you be able to export that?

Mr. MOMMA. My understanding is now—I have never exported other than cedar logs.

Representative DELLENBACK. Have you ever sought to export other than cedar logs? Have you ever asked permission or tried to export anything other than cedar?

Mr. MOMMA. I have never tried.

Representative DELLENBACK. Does anybody know whether any other export of hemlock or spruce has taken place from Alaska?

Mr. BROOKS. We have exported spruce logs from Alaska in shipping the cedar logs to the Puget Sound area. In towing them, it was necessary to build what is called Davis rafts, which are deep-sea log rafts.

To strengthen these rafts and build them, it was necessary to use some very minor amounts of long spruce logs, and we received an export permit on that basis. But I am sure we would not have been permitted to export them other than that they were necessary to the rafting.

Representative DELLENBACK. But those exports were to Washington, and thus part of the United States rather than export to Japan or any other foreign country?

Mr. BROOKS. My understanding of the Forest Service policy is that log export to any place, whether it be Canada, Washington, Oregon, Japan, wherever it may be, requires a permit.

Representative DELLENBACK. If I may then let us return to the initial line of inquiry that I was pushing on this particular point. Is it that it is a flat prohibition against export of hemlock and spruce primarily, or is it that there would have to first be a determination that either of these specie were in surplus before they would permit the export?

Mr. BROOKS. We are talking about two different situations. In our contract there is a provision by which the regional forester can issue permits to us to export but the recent sales in Alaska, contain a complete prohibition and require primary manufacture of the logs within Alaska.

Representative DELLENBACK. Fine. That then makes it clear that some of the older contracts talked in terms of the possibility of exporting surplus if the regional forester determined there was a surplus. But the recent contracts, as I understand you, are to the effect that there shall be no export without primary manufacture first having taken place?

Mr. BROOKS. One of the people in our group has just passed me our contract which was signed in June of 1951. It is covered in a very short paragraph. Shall I read it to you?

Representative DELLENBACK. Would you read it, with the permission of the chairman?