## Furniture industry in January-July 2024

The volume of production of furniture products in the period January-July2024 amounted to 53.3 billion tenge, up 18.3% from the same period of 2023. The IFO indicator of the industry for the period under review amounted to 125.1%. The increase in IFO is due to an increase in production volumes in the following goods: wooden bedroom furniture other than beds and cabinets by 33.8%; wooden office furniture - by 28.4%; kitchen furniture - by 16%; wooden furniture for dining room and living room - by 13.3%. The domestic market for consumption of furniture products in January-June 2024 amounted to \$298.9 million. The share of domestic production in January-June 2024 amounted to 31.1%.

The volume of exports of furniture industry products in January-June 2024 amounted to \$6 million, which is 15.5% lower than in the same period of 2023. In January-June 2024, in the commodity structure of exports of the furniture industry, the main volume was accounted for the following goods: other metal furniture (\$2,818.5 thou.), other wooden furniture (\$477.9 thousand), other furniture for sitting (\$440.5 thousand), furniture made of plastic (\$439.8 thousand), metal furniture of the type used in institutions (\$231.2 thousand) and others. The volume of export of furniture products was directed to Russia (37%, or \$2,228 thousand), Uzbekistan (27.2%, or \$1,638.3 thousand), Kyrgyzstan (12.2%, or \$735.1 thousand), etc. The volume of import of furniture industry products in January-June 2024 amounted to \$205.9 million, which is 25.9% higher than in the same period of 2023.

In the commodity structure, the largest volumes of imported furniture products belong to the following goods: other wooden furniture (\$45,019 thousand), other metal furniture (\$22,987.5 thousand), furniture upholstered for blue seats (\$22,987.5 thousand), furniture upholstered for blue seats (\$22,987.5 thousand), etc.), furniture upholstered for sitting with wooden frame other (\$21,695.7 thousand), wooden furniture of bedroom type (\$16,429.7 thousand), furniture upholstered for sitting with metal frame other (\$10,780.6 thousand) and others.

The main volume of imported furniture products comes from Russia (\$63.3 mln, or 30.7%), China (\$34.6 mln, or 16.8%), Turkey (\$24.6 mln, or 11.9%), Italy (\$20.2 mln, 9.8%), Belarus (\$15.7 mln, 7.6%). Territorially, furniture companies are located in all regions of the country. But it is important to note that 26.3% of the country's furniture products are produced in Almaty (14 billion tenge).

