

**Softwood Lumber From Canada:
Softwood Lumber Agreement In Force As Of
October 12, 2006**

Government agencies in both Canada and the United States have confirmed the Softwood Lumber Agreement of 2006 has entered into force as of October 12, 2006.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) has announced on its website that the 2006 SLA entered into force on October 12, and further that exporters of softwood lumber to the United States "will be liable for the new export charge on shipments made on or after October 12, 2006." DFAIT's announcement further provides that there "will be no double assessment of U.S. duties and Canadian export charges on lumber shipments to the United States. Canadian exporters will have until November 30th to remit their export charges to the Canada Revenue Agency on shipments made during the month of October."

The U.S. Department of Commerce released notices today providing for the revocation of the ADD and CVD orders effective October 12. The notices also provide that current administrative reviews of the ADD and CVD orders are being rescinded as of October 12. The notices are expected to appear in the *Federal Register* within approximately one week.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection confirmed that the Canadian lumber export permit requirement became effective on October 12. CBP is currently accepting entries for Canadian softwood lumber products without ADD or CVD deposits.

We will keep you updated with respect to developments as they arise.

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