

U.S. Customs & Border Protection Issues Interim Regulations for U.S. Entries of Softwood Lumber From Canada

U.S. Customs and Border Protection published an interim rule requiring certain information to be provided in connection with the importation and entry of softwood lumber Products from Canada. CBP's notice, published in the *Federal Register* of October 18, announces changes to the CBP regulations that are based on the 2006 Softwood Lumber Agreement. The amended regulations are effective as of October 16, 2006.

The Notice is available online at the following address:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/E6-17352.htm>

The amended regulations provide in part that importers of record must provide specific information in connection with each entry of softwood lumber products from Canada that are covered by the 2006 SLA. The information includes:

- (1) **The Region of Origin of the softwood lumber product.** The identified Regions are: Alberta, British Columbia Coast, British Columbia Interior, Manitoba, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Quebec.
- (2) **The Export Permit Number** issued by the Government of Canada for the shipment; and
- (3) The original paper **Certificate of Origin** issued by the Maritime Lumber Bureau, where applicable.

The information referenced above, as well as all other information normally required for U.S. import and entry purposes, **must be provided on your U.S. import documentation** so that the required information can be provided to CBP in connection with the importation and entry of your merchandise.

Please remember that requirements relating to the application and issuance of Canadian Export Permits have been implemented by the Canadian Government and can be reviewed through the Department of Foreign Affairs Canada's softwood lumber website at the following address: <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/eicb/softwood/menu-en.asp>.

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