

CBP Issues ABI System Requirements for Softwood Lumber Data Elements Required by “Farm Bill”

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has issued Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) #08-000139 to provide the Automated Broker Interface (ABI) system requirements for the collection and presentation of additional trade elements associated with softwood lumber products that are required by the recently passed Farm Bill.

The legislation contains provisions for the establishment of a softwood lumber “importer declaration program” (“IDP”). Under the IDP, importers are required to include the following information on their entry summary documentation filed with CBP:

- The export price for each shipment of softwood lumber or softwood lumber products covered by the legislation.
- The estimated export charge, if any applicable, to each shipment of softwood lumber or softwood lumber products; and
- Importer declarations regarding the information being provided.

The full text CSMS #08-000139 can be viewed online at the following address:

http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/viewmssg.asp?Recid=17154&page=&srch_argv=08-000139&srctype=all&btype=&sortby=&sby=

We expect to provide additional details regarding the entry filing procedures in a NGJ International Trade Update in the next few days.

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