

**Farm Bill “Lumber Importer Declaration Program”  
Requirements Expected to Go into Effect on August 18, 2008**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has indicated that it anticipates it will begin requiring importers of softwood lumber products to supply information required for the Lumber Importer Declaration Program by August 18, 2008. See our *NGJ International Trade Updates* of May 16, and July 31, 2008 at <http://www.ngjensen.com/itu.php> for additional information regarding the Lumber Importer Declaration Program.

The Lumber Importer Declaration Program requires that all importers of softwood lumber products into the United States provide the following information on their U.S. entry summary: (1) the export price; (2) the estimated export charge, if any; and (3) importer declarations providing in effect that the export price reported on the entry is correct and is consistent with the export price listed on any applicable export permit, that the exporter has paid or has committed to pay any applicable export charges, and that the importer has made an appropriate inquiry regarding the foregoing items.

For parties who act as U.S. importer of record for entries of Canadian softwood lumber products and who use NGJ's lumber Permit Application screen or file their lumber export permit application electronically, the information required under the Lumber Importer Declaration Program can be supplied through the permit application process. NGJ's Permit Application program will capture the export price that is entered into the program for permit application purposes. The program will be enhanced to allow importers of record to provide the export charge, if applicable, and to make the required declarations. This information will be included in the importer of record's entry that is filed with U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Importers of record for softwood lumber products from countries other than Canada, and importers of record of Canadian softwood lumber products who use a system other than NGJ's Permit Application program, will need to supply NGJ with the required information on the invoice presented for CBP clearance or on documentation included with the invoice for each entry.

CBP has indicated that it intends to publish interim regulations and additional information regarding the Lumber Importer Declaration Program. We will remain in contact with CBP and will notify interested parties when additional information becomes available.

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