

Softwood Lumber Importer Declaration Program: Status Update

The softwood lumber Importer Declaration Program (IDP) requirements are required to take effect for shipments imported on and after Monday, August 18, 2008 (see August 5 and August 14, 2008 *NGJ International Trade Updates* at <http://www.ngjensen.com/itu.php>).

As of 5:00 EDT today, however, we have not received information from CBP setting forth full details necessary to assist importers in complying with the IDP requirements. We are not aware of the publication of interim regulations providing details including the specific language for importer declarations. We have not been notified that CBP has completed its system updates for accepting the information required under the Importer Declaration Program. We have also been advised that export price information which is to be published on the Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA) website will not be available prior to August 18.

Until we have further details from CBP regarding the IDP, we will continue to accept information for imports of softwood lumber products without the IDP-required information.

We will continue to monitor this matter and provide updated information as it becomes available.

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