

**Softwood Lumber From Canada:
Results of First Administrative Reviews Expected in Near Future**

The U.S. Department of Commerce is expected to announce soon the final results of its first administrative reviews of the ADD and CVD orders regarding softwood lumber products from Canada. Commerce's deadline for announcing the results to the public is Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at noon E.S.T.

The CVD administrative review covers shipments entered between May 22, 2002 and March 31, 2003. Since the CVD review was requested by the Government of Canada, we understand that the results of that review will affect all entries covered by the CVD order.

The ADD administrative review covers shipments entered between May 22, 2002 and April 30, 2003. The final results of that review will affect only entries involving parties who requested administrative review of the ADD order, or for whom such review was requested by another interested party.

An important aspect of the final results of an administrative review is that, for parties involved in a review as noted in the preceding paragraphs, the ADD and/or CVD rates that are determined as a result of each review will become the estimated deposit rates for future shipments. Since June 14, 2004, when the preliminary results of the CVD administrative review provided a preliminary subsidy rate of 9.24%, and the preliminary results of the ADD administrative review provided a preliminary "all others" dumping margin of 3.98%, expectations are that the final results of the administrative review will cause deposit rates for subsequent shipments to be lowered with respect to companies who participated in each review.

Although the new deposit rates are supposed to take effect on the date Commerce publishes the final results of its administrative review (approximately December 20, 2004), we caution importers of record that U.S. Customs and Border Protection may not have the new rates updated in its module as of that date, and until its module is updated, it may not be able to accept entries filed with the new rates. We intend to issue an *NGJ International Trade Update* advising parties that CBP has updated its module as soon as we become aware of it.

For shipments imported as of today, NGJ is delaying filing of entry summaries as long as possible in order to allow as many of our clients' shipments as possible to be eligible for the new deposit rates when they take effect.

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