

**Softwood Lumber Products from Canada:
B.C. Products Require “Region of Origin” on Documentation**

In a *NGJ International Trade Update* entitled *Softwood Lumber Permit Requirements – Canada: Are You Prepared?* From September 20, 2006, we indicated that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) would be implementing requirements under the Softwood Lumber Agreement with respect to the U.S. entry process.

Recently, CBP released Administrative Message 06-1119 to advise the trade of some of these requirements, one of which requires entry information to indicate whether merchandise from British Columbia, Canada originates from the coastal region or from the interior region of B.C. To satisfy this new requirement, exporters of softwood lumber products from B.C. must include the “Region of Origin” on their entry documentation.

The Softwood Lumber Agreement defines “Region of Origin” as:

“the region where the facility at which the Softwood Lumber Product was first produced into such a product is located, regardless of whether that product was further processed (for example, by planing or kiln drying) or was transformed from one Softwood Lumber Product into another such product (for example, a remanufactured product) in another Region, with the following exceptions:

(a) the Region of Origin of Softwood Lumber Products first produced in the Maritime Provinces from logs originating in a non-Maritime province shall be the region where the log originated; and

(b) the Region of Origin of Softwood Lumber Products first produced in the Yukon, Northwest Territories or Nunavut (the “Territories”) from logs originating outside the Territories shall be the region where the log originated;”

The B.C. Ministry of Forests and Range has published a table on their website that provides a preliminary “Designation of Coast or Interior” for British Columbia lumber companies based on the physical location of the company’s operations. The table is available online at [http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/HET/Softwood/Designation%20as%20Coast%20or%20Interior%20\(2006-09-27\).pdf](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/HET/Softwood/Designation%20as%20Coast%20or%20Interior%20(2006-09-27).pdf)

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