

**Softwood Lumber Importer Declaration Program:  
CBP Accepting Required Information;  
NGJ Systems Have Been Updated**

CBP issued a notice today indicating it is now accepting the information required under the softwood lumber Importer Declaration Program (IDP). Each entry of "covered" softwood lumber products imported into the United States from any country on and after today must provide: (1) the export price of the softwood lumber products; (2) the estimated export charge, if any, of the softwood lumber products; and (3) importer declarations required by the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008. Refer to August 5 and 14, 2008 *NGJ International Trade Updates* at <http://www.ngjensen.com/itu.php> for additional information on the IDP requirements.

Also, as of today, the U.S. International Trade Commission began publishing Canadian export charge information on its website (see <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/sla2008/sla-index.html>).

**How to Provide NGJ the IDP Information:**

**1. NGJ Electronic Systems for Importers of Record of Canadian Softwood Lumber Products:** NGJ has updated its electronic systems (Proforma Express; EDI) to assist importers of record in supplying NGJ the required information. Parties who act as U.S. importer of record for entries of Canadian softwood lumber products can now supply NGJ the required information through these systems.

**2. Others:** Importers of record for softwood lumber products from countries other than Canada, and importers of record of Canadian softwood lumber products who use a method for supplying information to NGJ other than Proforma Express or EDI must supply NGJ the following information on the invoice presented for CBP clearance (if prepared by the importer of record) or on documentation included with the invoice for each entry:

- The export price of the covered softwood lumber products;
- The estimated export charge, if any; and
- Importer declarations required by the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008 (listed on the following page)

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### Importer Declarations

The following declarations must be supplied to NGJ in connection with the entry of any softwood lumber products covered by the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008 for shipments imported into the United States on and after August 18, 2008:

The importer of record of this shipment declares that:

(1) the importer has made appropriate inquiry, including seeking appropriate documentation from the exporter and consulting the determinations published by the Under Secretary for International Trade of the Department of Commerce pursuant to section 805(b) of the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008; and

(2) to the best of the importer's knowledge and belief—

(A) the export price provided is determined in accordance with the definition provided in section 802(5) of the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008;

(B) the export price provided is consistent with the export price provided on the export permit, if any, granted by the country of export; and

(C) the exporter has paid, or committed to pay, all export charges due—

(i) in accordance with the volume, export price, and export charge rate or rates, if any, as calculated under an international agreement entered into by the country of export and the United States; and

(ii) consistent with the export charge determinations published by the Under Secretary for International Trade pursuant to section 805(b) of the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008.

Importers with questions regarding references in the above declarations to the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008 can refer to a copy of the applicable legislation on our website at <http://www.ngjensen.com/news/SWLACT2008.pdf>.

In the event U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, or other applicable government agency issues importer declaration language that differs from the declarations listed above, the declaration language issued by that agency must be used. NGJ will issue an *NGJ International Trade Update* notifying parties of any such changes.

Importers of record of Canadian softwood lumber products from Canada who utilize an NGJ electronic system (Proforma Express; EDI) for supplying their Canadian lumber export permit application information will be able to supply the importer declarations electronically through those systems.