

WILL THE 10% SURCHARGE FOR ON, QC, MB & SK SOFTWOOD LUMBER BE LIFTED?

Included in today's Federal Register (May 28, 2010) is the following concerning the possibility of lifting or modifying the current surcharge of 10% on softwood lumber from Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

We draw your attention to this link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-12951.htm> and note to you the following, pertinent portion of same:

"The Government of Canada, however, is now taking steps toward adopting its own measure to address Canada's breach of the SLA, in the form of legislation requiring the collection of an additional 10 percent charge on exports from the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan.

- 1) *In the event that the proposed bill becomes law by receiving royal assent, **and***
- 2) *If the Trade Representative finds that the law satisfactorily grants the rights of the United States under the SLA, the Trade Representative may modify or terminate the April 2009 action.*

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the possible modification or termination of the April 2009 action. - Trade

DATES: To be assured of consideration, comments should be submitted by no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2010, although USTR will continue to accept comments after that date."

As you can see, no decision will be reached until, at least, June 14th, but we felt this to be of an import that you should be aware of it.

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