

Softwood Lumber Exports to the United States from Canada – Additional Collection of 10% Export Charge to begin on September 1, 2010

The **Canada Revenue Agency**, which is responsible for the administration of the export charge, pursuant to the Canada - US Softwood Lumber Agreement (SLA), 2006 has posted a notice on its website and further to USTR Kirk's visit on July 22, 2010, the application of an additional 10% export charge on exports of softwood lumber products from Option B regions (Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan) will begin as of September 1, 2010.

The Order In Council (OIC) establishing the coming into force of implementation provision as September 1, 2010 (SI/2010-55) was published in the Canada Gazette Part II of August 18, 2010 (see page 128 of the following PDF attachment).

<http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2010/2010-08-18/pdf/g2-14417.pdf>

The coming-into-force date immediately follows the date in which the United States of America has agreed to cease collecting a 10% import duty on Canadian softwood lumber products imported from the above-mentioned regions (i.e. August 31, 2010).

On September 1, 2010, the Government of Canada will begin collecting the Canadian additional export charge. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has posted the following notice on its website, informing the public of the upcoming additional export charge: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/et/swln27/swln27-e.pdf>

Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada has also posted a Notice to Exporters (serial no. 173): http://www.international.gc.ca/controls-controles/softwood-bois_oeuvre/index.aspx

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