

FACT SHEET

Preliminary Determination in the 1st Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews: Certain Softwood Lumber from Canada

On June 3, 2004, the Department of Commerce (the Department) announced its preliminary affirmative determinations in the above-referenced reviews for entries of softwood lumber from Canada during the period from May 22, 2002 through March 31, 2003. We preliminarily found that Canadian provincial stumpage and other programs confer a benefit to producers of softwood lumber and that Canadian producers/exporters of softwood lumber have sold their product below fair value. The Department will carefully consider interested parties' comments on its preliminary results as well as all record evidence before making the final determinations in these reviews, scheduled for December 7, 2004.

Petitioners: The petitioner in this case is the Executive Committee of the Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports, an *ad hoc* coalition of softwood lumber producers.

Product Description: The products covered by this order are softwood lumber, flooring and siding (softwood lumber products). Softwood lumber products include all products classified under headings 4407.1000, 4409.1010, 4409.1090, and 4409.1020, respectively, of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), and any softwood lumber, flooring and siding as described in our Notice of Preliminary Results of Review, published in the *Federal Register*.

Preliminary Results of Review of the Countervailing Duty Order:

In the administrative review of the countervailing duty order, the Department evaluated the provincial stumpage programs of the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec. We did not evaluate stumpage programs in the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories. The Maritime Provinces are excluded from this investigation.

The preliminary net countervailable subsidy rate is 9.24 percent *ad valorem* on all imports of subject merchandise.

Preliminary Results of Review of the Antidumping Duty Order:

The Department received more than 400 individual requests for review from Canadian producers/exporters of softwood lumber. The Department chose eight mandatory respondents: Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada (Abitibi), Buchanan Lumber Sales Inc. (Buchanan), Canfor Corporation (Canfor), Slocan Forest Products Ltd. (Slocan), Tembec Inc. (Tembec), Tolko Industries Ltd. (Tolko), West Fraser Mills Ltd. (West Fraser), and Weyerhaeuser Company (Weyerhaeuser).

Preliminary dumping margins for the individual respondents for entries during the period of review range from 1.08 to 10.21 percent. The preliminary dumping margin for all other imports during the period of review is 3.98 percent.

Preliminary Subsidy Rate:

	Preliminary Net Subsidy Rate
All Imports (excl lumber from the Maritime provinces)	9.24%

Preliminary Dumping Margins:

Company	Preliminary Dumping Margin
Abitibi	2.97%
Buchanan	4.80%
Canfor	2.06%
Slocan	1.64%
Tembec	10.21%
Tolko	3.68%
West Fraser	1.08%
Weyerhaeuser	8.38%
All Other Producers/Exporters	3.98%

Import Statistics:

	2002	2003
Volume	44,739,983	45,448,469
Value (\$US)	\$5,189,480,443	\$4,570,188,787

(Source: ITC Dataweb for imports under HTS classification 4407)

Copies of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Investigations Final Determinations:

The determination of this investigation can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/fm>. Hard copies of the Determination and all corresponding Memoranda are available in our Central Records Unit, Room B-099, in the Main Commerce Building, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.