

FACT SHEET

Final Results in the First Administrative Reviews of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders on Certain Softwood Lumber from Canada

On December 14, the Department of Commerce (the Department) announced its final results in the above-referenced reviews for entries of softwood lumber from Canada during the period from May 22, 2002, through March 31, 2003 (countervailing duty review), and from May 22, 2002, through April 30, 2003 (antidumping duty review). We 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 in the United States below normal value.

Petitioner: The petitioner in these cases 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 these orders 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 Final Results of Review, published in the *Federal Register*.

Final Results of Review of the Countervailing Duty Order: In the administrative review of the countervailing duty order, the Department evaluated certain federal and provincial programs including the provincial stumpage programs of the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Saskatchewan.

The final net countervailable subsidy rate is 17.18 percent *ad valorem* on all imports of subject merchandise.

Final Results of Review of the Antidumping Duty Order: The Department received more than 400 individual requests for reviews 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).

Final dumping margins for the individual respondents for entries during the period of review range from 0.92 to 10.59 percent. The final dumping margin for the producers/exporters for which a review was requested and initiated, but which were not reviewed individually is 4.03 percent. This rate is to be distinguished from the “All Others” rate of 8.43 percent determined in the original investigation, which would apply to all other Canadian producers/exporters for whom an individual review was not requested and initiated.

Subsidy Rate:

	FINAL NET SUBSIDY RATE
All Imports (excluding lumber from Maritime provinces)	17.18%

Dumping Margins:

COMPANY	FINAL DUMPING MARGIN
Abitibi	3.12%
Buchanan	4.76%
Canfor	1.83%*
Slocan	n/a*
Tembec	10.59%
Tolko	3.85%
West Fraser	0.92%
Weyerhaeuser	8.70%
Producers/Exporters not reviewed individually	4.03%**

* As a result of the final changed circumstance review, Canfor's margin is based on the weighted average of the pre-merger Canfor and Slocan margins. Slocan no longer exists as a separate corporate entity.

** This rate is to be distinguished from the "All Others" rate of 8.43 percent determined in the original investigation, which would apply to all other Canadian producers/exporters for whom an individual review is not requested and initiated.

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 Administrative Reviews Final Results:

The final results of these reviews can be accessed directly on the Web at www.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.