

in 1982), only amounted to 0.32 percent for lumber, 0.24 percent for shingles and shakes, and 0.29 percent for fencing. In view of this de minimis finding, countervailing duties will not be imposed. However, the countervail investigation will continue with the U.S. Commerce Department making a final subsidy determination on May 23, 1983. If the final subsidy determination is also negative, the investigation is ended. If the final subsidy determination is affirmative, however, the U.S. International Trade Commission would then be required to make a final determination of material injury by August 8, 1983. If no material injury is found, the case will be terminated.

Minister Regan said, "The hard work devoted by all parties to defend Canadian exports against this unfounded complaint is an outstanding example of the effectiveness of close co-operation between federal and provincial governments and the Canadian industry. I am optimistic that the U.S. Commerce Department's final determination will also be in our favour."