

QUESTION

Why is Canada requesting an administrative review when the softwood lumber duty is being reviewed by the FTA panels?

ANSWER

U.S. countervailing duty regulations provide for administrative reviews of countervailing duties on an annual basis. A review must be requested in the anniversary month that the duty was imposed -- in this case, July 1993. If a review is not requested, the duty becomes permanent. To preserve the appeals before the panels, an administrative review will be requested. However, the DOC is not expected to begin the review until the results of the two FTA panel reviews are final.