

4. The Committee shall establish its rules and procedures. All decisions of the Committee shall be taken by consensus, except as the Committee may otherwise agree.

5. The Committee shall convene at least once a Year in regular session and at such other times as the Committee may agree. Regular sessions shall be chaired successively by each Party.

C. Technical Working Groups

1. The Parties shall establish Technical Working Groups to meet upon the request of either Party. The Working Groups shall comprise an equal number of representatives of each Party with expertise in matters relating to the implementation and operation of the SLA 2006, including customs, tariff classification under the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, softwood lumber markets and data sources and the technical specifications of Softwood Lumber Products.

2. Through the Working Groups, the Parties shall:

- (a) ensure the effective implementation and application of the Export Charge in respect of Canadian exports of Softwood Lumber Products to the United States;
- (b) ensure the effective administration of the customs-related aspects of the SLA 2006, including Export Permits, volume restraints, data collection, and exchange of information; and
- (c) review and provide recommendations on issues including:
 - (i) matters referred to a Working Group pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article I;
 - (ii) the methodology established to calculate the Prevailing Monthly Price referred to in Annex 7A;
 - (iii) the methodology established to determine U.S. Consumption as set forth in Annex 7D; and
 - (iv) any other issues the Parties may jointly identify with respect to the operation of Annexes 7A through 7D and Annex 8, including, if required, the development of an alternative verification process to replace that provided under Article XV(19).