

SOFTWOOD LUMBER AGREEMENT**BETWEEN****THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA****AND****THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the Parties):

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I**ACTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES**

1. This Agreement is intended to ensure that there is no material injury or threat thereof to an industry in the United States from imports of softwood lumber from Canada. Domestic producers accounting for more than 60 percent of the total U.S. production of softwood lumber, within the meaning of 19 U.S.C. 1671a(c)(4)(D) and 1673a(c)(4)(D), have submitted the letters attached at Annex 1 and the Department of Commerce will rely on the representations contained in those letters. Title VII of the *Tariff Act of 1930* sets out possible independent additional grounds on which the Department may dismiss a petition if the Department finds such grounds exist.
2. The United States shall not self-initiate an investigation under Title VII of the *Tariff Act of 1930*, as amended, or any successor law, with respect to imports of softwood lumber from Canada. If a petition is filed under Title VII of the *Tariff Act of 1930*, as amended, or any successor law, with respect to imports of softwood lumber from Canada, the Department of Commerce shall dismiss the petition.
3. The United States shall not take action under sections 201-204 of the *Trade Act of 1974*, as amended, or any successor law, with respect to imports of softwood lumber from Canada.
4. The United States shall not take action under section 204 of the *Agricultural Act of 1956*, as amended, or any successor law, with respect to imports of softwood lumber from Canada, except as required for the collection of permit numbers under Article IV(1)(l).
5. The United States shall not initiate an investigation or take action under sections 301-305 of the *Trade Act of 1974*, as amended, or any successor law, with respect to imports of softwood lumber from Canada.