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PRESS CONFERENCE AND TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON CANADA'S LITIGATION TRACK ON SOFTWOOD LUMBER

International Trade Minister Jim Peterson will hold a press conference to outline Canada's legal track on softwood lumber as well as Canadian efforts to see the United States respect its NAFTA obligations.

The press conference follows the government's economic update, which included measures to assist Canada in securing international markets and countering increased protectionism. The press conference will occur on the same day that the WTO injury compliance panel releases its final report.

Following the press conference, senior officials from International Trade Canada will hold a background technical briefing to provide additional information on Canada's litigation track on softwood lumber.

On August 10, 2005, a NAFTA Extraordinary Challenge Committee (ECC) decision effectively confirmed that the U.S. had failed to prove that its domestic lumber industry is being threatened with injury as a result of Canadian softwood lumber imports. As a result of that decision, the U.S. is legally obligated to revoke the anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders, refund deposits and terminate all ongoing administrative reviews.

Media representatives interested in attending but unable to be in Ottawa may participate in the event by teleconference, and should call (613) 995-1874 to obtain the access code.

Event: Press conference
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2005
Time: 3:45 p.m. EST
Location: National Press Theatre
150 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario

Event: Technical briefing
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