

refund of more than \$500 million in duties paid to date by Canadian lumber producers.

"Canada's success in appealing the U.S. action is due in large part to strong co-operation between the federal government, provincial governments and the industry in defending Canada's trade interests in the United States," said Mr. MacLaren. "All parties concerned worked together in overturning the U.S. decision. I am very pleased with the results of this combined effort."

"This ruling should convince the United States to finally bring this case to a close," said Mr. MacLaren. "This is a long and costly process for the Canadian lumber industry, and further emphasizes the importance of the achievements in the Subsidies Code of the Uruguay Round. Moreover, it underscores the importance of the recent announcement by the Prime Minister to establish North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Working Groups on trade remedy rules."

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