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## PAYMENT OF THE SOFTWOOD LUMBER PRODUCTS EXPORT CHARGE TO THE PROVINCES

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, is pleased to announce that the first payment of revenues derived from the export charge on softwood lumber products exported to the United States was made to provincial governments today. A total amount of \$133 million was transferred.

The export charge arises from the negotiated settlement which resolved the long-standing dispute over softwood lumber between Canada and the United States. Today's payments to the provinces are based on revenues received between January 8, 1987 and June 30, 1987. Future payments will be made monthly.

The charge is being paid to the provinces from which the softwood lumber products on which the charge is collected originate. Of the current payment, British Columbia received \$103.1 million (77.5% of the total), Quebec \$12.0 million (9.0%), Ontario \$10.9 million (8.2%), Alberta \$4.7 million (3.5%), Saskatchewan \$1.7 million (1.3%), Manitoba \$0.4 million (0.3%), New Brunswick \$0.1 million (0.1%) and Nova Scotia \$1.1 thousand (-%). Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland did not account for any shipments to the United States in this period.