

In a letter to Secretary Baldrige delivered today in Washington, Minister Carney emphasized that "the methodology used to determine that stumpage is provided at preferential rates is simply wrong." Resort to this methodology has grossly inflated the provisional rate of countervail duty which is causing immediate hardship for Canadian exporters and workers, said the Minister. She added that Ambassador Gotlieb had met with Commerce Secretary Baldrige earlier this week to urge that, as an immediate measure, the Department revise its preliminary determination to remove the double counting of costs and thereby reduce the burden on the Canadian industry of posting bonds on the basis of an inflated rate of provisional duty.