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GOVERNMENT APPEALS COURT ORDER FOR SHORT CEDAR BOARDS

International Trade Minister, John C. Crosbie, announced today that the Department of Justice is filing a Notice of Appeal in the Federal Court against the Order issued on April 12, 1988 by the Honourable Mr. Justice Muldoon, in the case of Teal Cedar Products (1977) Ltd. v. the Crown in respect of the Government's right to include short cedar boards on the Export Control List.

In his Order the Judge required the Department of External Affairs to issue an Export Permit to Teal Cedar Products for the export to the U.S.A. of unlimited quantities of short cedar boards. The Department has issued the permit to the company, in compliance with the Court's Order. This Order will last until the trial of the action against the Government in Federal Court or until the appeal decision of this Order is rendered, should the appeal be successful.

Export controls were imposed on "blocks, bolts, blanks, boards and any other material or product of red cedar suitable for use in the manufacture of shakes or shingles" to encourage the further processing in Canada of a valuable and dwindling natural resource. It remains the position of the Government that the unrestricted exports of short cedar boards will render ineffective the objectives of the marketing plan for red cedar shakes and shingles announced in October 1987 by the Western Diversification Office. One of the major goals of that plan was the creation of jobs in Canada. This Order could result in jobs being created in or transferred to the U.S.A. to manufacture shingles from Canadian semi-manufactured red cedar boards.

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