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RED CEDAR BLOCKS AND BOLTS ADDED TO EXPORT CONTROL LIST

The Honourable James Kelleher, Minister for International Trade and Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced that red cedar blocks and bolts have been added to the Export Control List by Order in Council on Thursday, June 26, 1986.

"This means that red cedar blocks and bolts can't be exported without a permit", said Mr. Kelleher. "The inclusion of these products on the List ensures that the government can monitor and control the situation and that we are not exporting B.C. jobs to the U.S."

Red cedar blocks and bolts are semi-manufactured shakes and shingles and include red cedar blanks. These items have been placed on the List in order to promote their further processing in Canada. Since the imposition of a 35 per cent tariff by the U.S. government on shakes and shingles, the demand for red cedar blocks and bolts in the U.S. has increased dramatically.

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Applications for export permits by British Columbia exporters will be reviewed by the Federal Timber Export Advisory Committee (FTEAC) in Vancouver, a procedure already in place for the export of logs of all species. Applications from all other regions should be submitted directly to the Export Controls Division, Special Trade Relations Bureau, External Affairs. In both cases, permits may be issued under the authority of the Secretary of State for External Affairs although permits for exports of red cedar logs, blocks and bolts to the US will generally be denied.

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