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ITC vote affirms lumber duties vs. Canada

In a 4-0 vote today, the U.S. International Trade Commission ruled that the U.S. lumber industry was injured by Canadian lumber imports. That ruling will finalize the countervailing and anti-dumping duties currently being assessed on Canadian lumber shipments to the U.S.

In November, the U.S. Department of Commerce levied total CVD/AD duties of 20.83% on Canadian lumber imports. The ITC vote was conducted today, but the transmission of its decision to Commerce, which will include the rationale for its decision, will not happen until later this month. The ITC has until December 22 to submit its decision to Commerce.

About 3-5 business days after the ITC submits its decision to Commerce, it will be published in the Federal Register. Commerce will then publish the final CVD/AD order, normally 3-5

business days after the ITC publication. Final duties will be assessed when the CVD/AD order is published in the Federal Register, with the duties retroactive to when the ITC decision is published.

Also, Commerce has issued “ministerial error” corrections to the AD rate for Canfor and the CVD rate for West Fraser to correct arithmetic errors in the calculations. Canfor’s AD rate was lowered to 7.28% from 8.89%, and West Fraser’s CVD rate was lowered to 17.99% from 18.19%. The all-others rates were adjusted accordingly, and the CVD all-others rate is now 14.19% and the AD rate is now 6.04%. The total all-others rate drops to 20.23% from 20.83%.

Canada has already announced that it plans to appeal the CVD/AD duties before NAFTA and World Trade Organization panels.

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