



BC Role in Independent Remanufacturer Certification in SLA 2006

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Provincial Certification Requirement

To receive “first mill” treatment provincial certification is required that a company:

- does not hold Crown tenure rights in respect of timber in the Province; and
- has not acquired standing timber directly from the Crown in the Province after October 1, 2006.



Provincial Certification Process

- Companies apply in writing, sending:
 - Legal company name
 - Contact information

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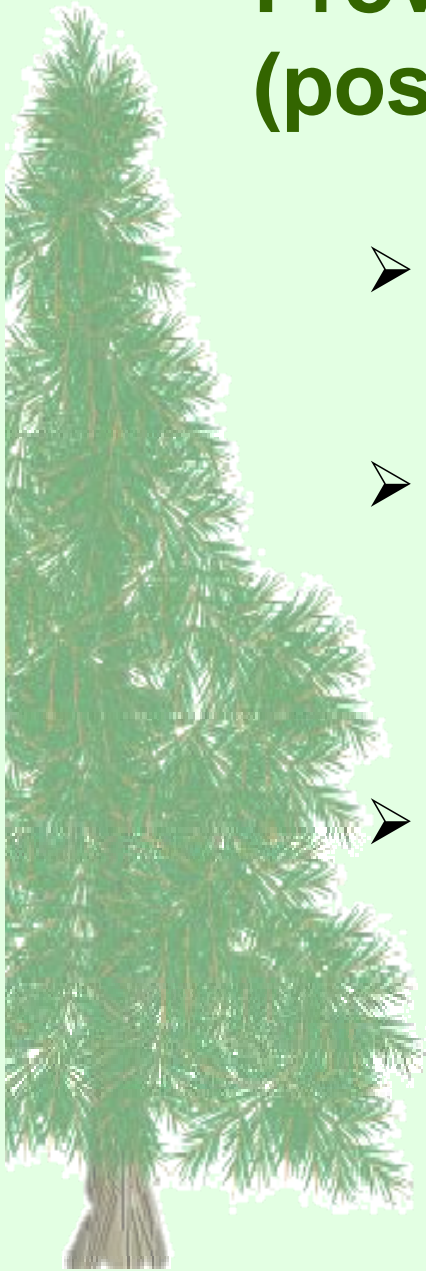
Provincial Certification Process (pre-October 1 2006)



- MOFR will check the Forest Tenure Administration database to see whether the applicant has Crown harvesting rights.
- If a company does not show up in the FTA system, it does not have Crown timber tenure rights and will be certified.
- If the company does show up in the FTA system, the status of its timber tenure will be checked.
 - BC will also confirm the status with the forest region. If the status is confirmed, then company will not be certified.
 - If the timber tenure status is closed (HC), then it will be certified

Provincial Certification Process (post-October 1 2006)

- For certifications made after October 1, 2006, there is a second test that BC will make.
- In addition to testing whether the company has a current tenure, BC will check that the company did not hold tenure between Oct 1, 2006 and the certification date.
- This certification process will be renewed annually.



Certification requests received to date

- BC has received about 30 requests for certification to date.
- BC began sending out certification letters September 15th.

