

# EXPORT & IMPORT CONTROLS BUREAU

The 2006
Softwood Lumber
Agreement



# Background

The authority to control the import

and export of commodities and

technologies is derived from the

**Export & Import Permits Act (EIPA).** 



#### What's controlled?

The EIPA establishes the Import, Export & Area

Control Lists (ICL, ECL & ACL). The EIPA allows for

the control of products & areas through the

issuance of import or export permits.



# Softwood Lumber

Softwood lumber products are covered under

Item 5105 of the Export Control List.

**Every shipment of softwood lumber from** 

Canada to the US requires an export permit.



#### Permit Issuance

Export permits are issued by the EICB or

Canadian Customs Brokers via the on-line

**Export & Import Controls System (EICS)** 



#### Current SWL Permits

- **▶** The Monitoring Period (Apr 2001 Sept 2006)
  - **Export permits required on a weekly basis** 
    - Required for previous weeks activity
  - Primary counting based on US Entry Date



#### The New SWL Permits

- **Effective October 1, 2006**
- **Export permits required for EVERY shipment** 
  - Primary counting based on shipment date
    - > PERMITS REQUIRED ON OR BEFORE SHIPMENT DATE!
    - \* October to December under Option A \*



# EICB Company File Number

Once a company has been registered with CRA and

is a assigned a new SL program BN, the EICB will

up-date that company's corresponding EICB record.



#### New SWL Permit Data

Starting October 1<sup>st</sup> the following new data fields will be available on permit applications:

- MLB Certificate of Origin Number
  - Indicator of excluded logs
  - Region of logs if not excluded



#### New SWL Permit Data

Starting October 1st the current

requirement for using the US HTSUS code will be

replaced by a Canadian Customs Tariff CCT code

(See Annex 1B)



#### New SWL Permit Issuance

Starting October 1st all export permits for a period

(month), that contain known errors, must be

corrected by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the subsequent month.



# Other Information

Notice to Exporters No. 143 is expected to be

published later this week and will be

available on the EICB WEB site at:

www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/trade/eicb/whatsnew-en.asp



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