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On June 18, 2008, pursuant to section 3301 of Title III, Subtitle D of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-146), Congress enacted section 805 of Title VIII of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008). Under this provision, the Under Secretary for International Trade of the Department of Commerce is mandated to "determine, on a monthly basis, any export charges (expressed as a percentage of export price) to be collected by a country of export from exporters of softwood lumber or softwood lumber products described in section 804(a) in order to ensure compliance with any international agreement entered into by that country and the United States." This provision further requires that the Under Secretary publish these export charges on the website of the International Trade Administration.

The United States has an international agreement pertaining to the export of softwood lumber or softwood lumber products, with the following countries:

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Softwood Lumber Export Charges

Canada *

Canadian Province

British Columbia (Coast and Interior), Alberta

Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan

Month	Export Charge Rate	Export Charge Rate
August 2008	15 %	5 %
July 2008	15 %	5 %
June 2008	15 %	5 %
May 2008	15 %	5 %
April 2008	15 %	5 %
March 2008	15 %	5 %
February 2008	15 %	5 %
January 2008	15 %	5 %
December 2007	15 %	5 %
November 2007	15 %	5 %
October 2007	15 %	5 %
September 2007	15 %	5 %
August 2007	15 %	5 %
July 2007	15 %	5 %
June 2007	15 %	5 %
May 2007	15 %	5 %
April 2007	15 %	5 %
March 2007	15 %	5 %
February 2007	15 %	5 %
January 2007	15 %	5 %
December 2006	15 %	15 %
November 2006	15 %	15 %
October 2006	15 %	15 %

* Under the Softwood Lumber Agreement of 2006, certain industries and particular provinces are excluded from the collection of export charges. Full text of the Softwood Lumber Agreement of 2006, is available at the United States Trade Representative (USTR) website.

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