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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:

**CANADA**

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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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