



## COALITION FOR FAIR LUMBER IMPORTS

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### **Lumber Coalition Welcomes Commerce's Policy Bulletin**

Washington, DC- The Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports welcomes the Department of Commerce proposed policy bulletin aimed at resolving the long standing dispute over softwood lumber. The discussion paper provides a process for the elimination of the current countervailing duties through changes to Canadian provincial stumpage practices that would move Canada toward a market-based system of timber sales. The Department of Commerce's approach is consistent with the Coalition's objective of attaining open and competitive lumber and timber markets in the United States and Canada.

"Canadian officials have indicated a need for the U.S. to outline parameters for long-term reform," said Rusty Wood, chairman of the Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports. "The process outlined by the Department of Commerce indicates what the U.S. government would consider open and competitive markets. We hope the policy bulletin assures the Canadian governments that addressing the market-distorting policies will end the dispute with our largest trading partner."

The Coalition will continue to work with the Department of Commerce to further develop the proposed document aimed at encouraging long-term market reforms in Canada.