



## COALITION FOR FAIR LUMBER IMPORTS

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### Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports News Release: Commerce Department Requests Clarification of NAFTA Panel Decision

*October 28, 2005* -- Today, the U.S. Department of Commerce asked that a NAFTA dispute panel clarify an October 5, 2005 decision regarding Commerce's finding that Canadian lumber is subsidized.

Commerce emphasized that a subsidy-measurement approach urged by Canadian parties would be contrary to U.S. law.

According to Steve Swanson, Chairman of the Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports, "U.S. law requires maintenance of a countervailing duty to offset Canadian lumber subsidies. Commerce was correct not to proceed as urged by the Canadian parties."

Said Swanson, "we vigorously support negotiations as the appropriate means of resolving the problem of non-market Canadian timber and log sales. We look forward to continuing our support for the U.S. government's efforts toward a negotiated solution that assures fair trade in lumber."

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