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Commerce levies final CVD/AD duties of 20.83%

The U.S. Department of Commerce announced today affirmative final determinations in the countervailing and anti-dumping duty cases. Most Canadian producers will pay total duties of 20.83% on lumber shipments to the U.S. This is down from the preliminary combined rates of 26.75%. Final duties will not be collected unless/until the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) gives a positive final injury ruling. That decision is scheduled for December 18.

The individual companies investigated will be assessed their own duty rates. Combined CVD/AD rates are: Canfor 22.13%; Resolute 17.90%; Tolko 22.07%; and West Fraser 23.76%. J.D. Irving was individually investigated in the CVD case and will be assessed a rate of 3.34%, which will combine with the “all-other” AD rate of 6.58% for a combined total of 9.92%. The final “all-other” CVD rate is 14.25%, and the final AD “all-other” rate is 6.58%.

Commerce also announced that “critical circumstances” exist in the AD case with regards to Resolute, Tolko, West Fraser, and “all-others,” but did not exist for Canfor. Consequently, those duties will be collected retroactive to late March for those companies. Commerce did not specifically address a “critical circumstances” finding in the CVD case, which is assumed those duties won’t be collected retroactively.

If the ITC makes affirmative final determinations that imports of softwood lumber from Canada materially injure, or threaten material injury, to the U.S. industry, Commerce will issue CVD and AD orders. Those orders would likely be issued around December 26, or about a week after the ITC rules on December 18.

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