

Directive No. 2011-02

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Subject **Export of Unmanufactured Crown Timber and Wood Fibre**

Purpose

To provide an expeditious, reasonable and fair means to authorize exports of coniferous and deciduous Crown timber and wood fibre harvested from Crown lands in Alberta.

To ensure wood fibre exports are tailored to economic circumstances, enable cross-border trade and stimulate investment and economic development of Alberta's forest industry.

To support research or manufacturing trials that may eventually benefit Alberta industry.

Policy

In accordance with Section 31 of the *Forests Act*, no person shall transport logs, trees or wood chips to any destination outside Alberta from public land without the director's authorization.

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (Department) will review and, as appropriate, approve requests for the export of unmanufactured volumes of timber and wood fibre originating from Crown lands. Exports of timber and wood fibre will be considered where market price is realized.

Approvals may authorize exports for a period not greater than one year.

This directive only applies to timber and wood fibre originating from Crown land in Alberta including all land use dispositions.

Procedures

1.0 Applications

Written applications for export are to be forwarded to the Forest Industry Development Branch (see contact below). Information required includes:

- disposition(s) or source(s) from which the volume originates;
- whether the volume is coming from a mill yard or cutblock / bush inventory;
- species, condition, and volume to be exported for each disposition or source requested;
- reason for the export request;
- destination - province / state, country and receiving company (mill) including their business address and contact information; and
- where export is for research or experimental purposes, an outline of the research proposal is required. (Note: quantities to be exported for such purposes must conform to experimental needs.)

Applications will only be accepted from the disposition holder or an authorized designate of the disposition holder (in writing) of the timber being requested for export unless otherwise authorized by the Department.

2.0 Review and Approval

The application will be reviewed by the Department, who will consider the above criteria as well as other factors deemed relevant to the approval.

The Director is responsible for authorizing the export application. Upon approval, an authorization letter will be issued to the applicant and may include the following:

- source of the volume permitted for export;
- species, condition, and volume;
- any specifics related to allowable tree or log size for export;
- period for which the permit applies, to a maximum of one year;
- destination (company, mill, and location);
- the requirement of the applicant to provide the Department with a record of the actual volume of exported fibre, using a methodology approved by the Department and which can be verified with the receiving mill;
- the requirement to remit, as appropriate, any Crown charges associated with the exported volume;
- a request that research results be forwarded to the Department when available where export is for experimental purposes;
- a request for notification for cancellation of the authorization or advising of export haul completion; and
- a statement that the hauling operator must be in possession of the authorization letter at all times during transport of the unmanufactured volume along with an accurately completed authorized haul form;
- where export has occurred on an annual historic basis, it may be renewed with adjusted volumes, species or conditions as required.

Exporting Timber and Wood Fibre to destinations outside of Canada

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Requirements

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is responsible for development of forest policies that prevent the introduction and spread of [regulated pests](#) into Canada and [export programs](#) for Canadian forestry products.

Depending on origin, destination and species, forest products may be subject to federal movement restrictions and would require a movement certificate issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (refer to *Plant Protection Act*, *Plant Protection Regulations* Schedule 1, and 2 for details on prohibited and restricted movements within Canada). Additionally CFIA phytosanitary requirements must be met for the export of timber and wood fibre to jurisdictions outside of Canada.

Further information is available at the CFIA website:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/toce.shtml>

Note that the exporter must also obtain any authorizations from the jurisdiction where the wood fibre is to be exported to.

Definitions

Unmanufactured timber and wood fibre - includes logs, trees, wood chips or mill waste and wood fibre residues, except for dry pulp wood or Christmas trees. In general, it is timber in a form that requires further processing before it is suitable for an end use.

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