

Atlantic Mayors Congress, May 19, 2017

United States Softwood Lumber Tariff 2017

Whereas the softwood lumber industry depends upon fair trade export of its product to the United States Market;

and Whereas the recent decision of the US Department of Commerce to impose a countervailing duty on imports of softwood lumber from Canada jeopardizes the vitality of this industry;

and Whereas many Atlantic Canadian communities depend on a vibrant softwood lumber industry;

and Whereas for the past 35 years market conditions which continue to this day warranted an exemption from import duties on softwood lumber product from Atlantic Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that the Atlantic Mayors Congress urgently request that the Government of Canada make every effort to reach a negotiated agreement with the United States government that includes the "Maritime Exemption" which applies to all Atlantic Canadian producers of softwood lumber.

E-passed by majority vote
2 abstentions