

Discription of the products	Region/Country
	Canada
	Name of the products
	Canadian Softwood Lumber: Spruce Pine Fir (SPF), Hem-Fir (N)
	Name of Exporter:
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	Outline of Exportation (Volume of importation/ End use etc)
	2009 Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports to Japan: 919,448,000fbm
Name of utilizing system	Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) which are internationally recognized under the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
Related Area	Region /Country: Provinces of British Columbia & Alberta, Canada
General overview of verification	Party responsible for issuing verification
	Individual association member companies of COFI and related Canada Wood industry trade associations are individually responsible for each of their respective third party verification schemes.
	Outline of issuing process
	Certification issued through CSA, SFI (PEFC) and FSC third party accreditation bodies. Please contact COFI / Canada Wood association member companies for further detail.
	The system shall verify both sustainability and legality are verified under PEFC and FSC certification schemes.
Scheme to check for legality at the time of logging	Definition of legality
	In Canada illegal logging is defined as: (A) Theft of timber or logs, (B) deliberate harvesting without express or implied authority to do so, or in unauthorized areas or where authority has been revoked for deficient harvesting practices, or after government approvals are obtained by corrupt practices; (C) Where there is a deliberate failure to pay stumpage and/or royalties to forest owners
	Relevant laws
	Many laws exist at the national, provincial, regional and municipal levels At the Provincial level for public lands: for example, B.C. Forest Practices Code, Park Act, Wildlife Act, Land Act
	Details of presumed illegal activities
	In British Columbia, the Ministry of Forests and Range conducts 15,000 forest site audits annually across the province. Between 2003 and 2009 Ministry audits have revealed a compliance ratio of 99.9994% as a percentage of annual allowable cut (AAC).
	Procedures for retaining and verifying the evidence
	Respective certified member companies retain verification documentation in compliance with PEFC / FSC certification schemes as well as related national and provincial laws.
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
	Responsibility of third party verification scheme is decided by individual member companies.
Scheme to check for sustainability	Definition of sustainability
	Sustainable forest management integrates economic, social and environmental aspects of management into an appropriate balance that meets the needs of today s society without jeopardizing the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
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	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability Responsibility of third party verification scheme is decided by individual member companies.
Scheme of separative custody management	Real picture of the dealings, from logging to export
	Procedure for ensuring separative custody management
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
Future Task and Perspectives	Criticisms against the system and recognition of problems
	Remediation procedure
	Future perspectives COFI / Canada Wood Japan will continue to strive in the future to educate and encourage member companies on the Japanese Goho Wood requirements as they relate to the Forestry Agency s guidelines for green procurement and other relevant marketplace needs.
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