

as well as eight companies whose requests were received beyond the initial application deadline for reasons outside the requesters' control.

As explained in the *Notice of Initiation/Round 1*, we segregated applicants into two groups. Group 1 consists of companies that obtain the majority of their wood (over 50 percent of their inputs) from the United States, the Maritime Provinces, Canadian private lands, and Canadian companies excluded from the order, and companies that source less than a majority of their wood from these sources and do not have tenure. Group 2 includes companies that source less than a majority of their wood from these sources and have acquired Crown timber through their own tenure contracts. In Round 1, we found that 45 companies satisfied the requirements of Group 1 and 28 companies satisfied the requirements of Group 2. In Round 2, we found that 22 companies satisfied the requirements of Group 1 and nine companies satisfied the requirement of Group 2.

In our review of the applications in Group 1 in Round 1, we noted that, in order to conduct our analysis, we required only minimal supplemental data for 24 of the 45 companies. The other Group 1 companies required additional information and more extensive analysis. We issued questionnaires to the 24 companies requiring only minimal information and set a short deadline for the response. Of the 24 companies, 18 were able to supply the supplemental information by the deadline. We completed our preliminary analysis of those 18 companies, using the Group 1 methodology (see "Methodology" section below). See *Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Expedited Reviews: Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada* (67 FR 52945; August 14, 2002) (*August Preliminary Results*). On November 5, 2002, we published the final results for 13 of the 18 companies covered by the *August Preliminary Results*. See *Final Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Expedited Reviews: Certain Softwood Lumber Products From Canada (November Final Results)* (67 FR 67388; November 5, 2002). Concurrent with this notice, we are publishing the final results on three additional companies.

Subsequent to the *August Preliminary Results*, nine Group 1 companies in Round 1 requested an analysis of whether they benefitted from subsidies bestowed on their inputs: American Bayridge Corporation, Blanchette and Blanchette Inc., Goodfellow Inc., Les

Bois d'Oeuvre Beaudoin & Gauthier, Meunier Lumber Company Ltd., Mid-America Lumber, Olav Haavaldsrud Timber Company Limited, Treeline Wood Products Limited, and Usine Sartigan Inc. Subsequent to the *Notice of Initiation/Round 2*, three Group 1 companies in Round 2 requested an analysis of whether they benefitted from subsidies bestowed on their inputs: Carson Lake Lumber Limited, Winnipeg Forest Products, Inc., and W.I. Woodtone Industries. We are not including in this notice any of the companies that requested an analysis of whether they benefitted from subsidies bestowed on their inputs.

This notice includes the preliminary results for 28 Group 1 companies (14 in Round 1 and 14 in Round 2).

We received comments and rebuttal comments on the *August Preliminary Results*, on September 6, 2002, and September 18, 2002, respectively, from petitioners and several respondents. We addressed the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" (Decision Memorandum), dated concurrently with the *November Final Results* notice. However, we only addressed those issues that were of a general nature or that specifically affected those 13 reviews. We also received comments from petitioners on November 4, 2002, and December 12, 2002. On January 23, 2003, West Bay Forest Products & Manufacturing Ltd. (West Bay), a company covered by these preliminary results, submitted rebuttal comments to petitioners December 12, 2002, comments. In these preliminary results, we are addressing petitioners' November 4, 2002, and December 12, 2002, comments concerning the companies in these preliminary results, West Bay's rebuttal comments, as well as outstanding methodological issues related to Group 1 companies.

Partial Rescission

On October 18, 2002, Doman Industries Limited, a respondent company in Round 2, withdrew its request for review. On October 29, 2002, Jackpine Engineered Wood Products Inc. and Jackpine Forest Products Limited, respondent companies in Round 1, withdrew their requests for review. On February 5, 2002, Domtar Inc., another respondent company in Round 1, withdrew its request for review.

In addition, after examining information submitted by the companies in these expedited reviews proceedings, we find that one company, Francois Giguere Inc., a company in Round 1 did not ship the subject merchandise to the

United States during the period of review (April 1, 2000, through March 31, 2001) (POR). In accordance with the Department's practice, companies that did not ship subject merchandise during the period covered by the investigation or review are not eligible to participate in that segment of the proceeding. See, e.g., *Final Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from the Republic of Korea* (68 FR 13267; March 19, 2002). Moreover, the application to request an expedited review specifically listed exports of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR as one of the eligibility requirements. Therefore, we are rescinding the expedited review for Francois Giguere Inc.

Similarly, two companies in Round 2, 2859-8936 Quebec Inc. Les Cedre Basques and 9027-7971 Quebec Inc., stated in their applications that they did not have any sales of the subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. Instead, they claim that a wholesaler sold their subject merchandise to the United States during the POR; however, they did not provide a completed application for this wholesaler who exported their subject merchandise, as specifically requested in the application form. Because they did not provide the necessary information with regard to this wholesaler, we are not able to proceed with their expedited reviews. See Letter from Melissa Skinner, Director, Office VI, to 2859-8936 Quebec Inc. Les Cedre Basques and Letter from Melissa Skinner to 9027-7971 Quebec Inc., both dated April 11, 2003, on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce Building. Therefore, we are rescinding the expedited reviews for 2859-8936 Quebec Inc. Les Cedre Basques and 9027-7971 Quebec Inc.

Further, one of the Round 2 companies, Hollcan Millworks Ltd. (Hollcan) did not respond to our January 15, 2003, questionnaire which was due on January 29, 2003. We attempted to contact the company to follow up on the questionnaire and found that the phone line was disconnected and email messages were returned as undeliverable. See the Department's March 17, 2003 memorandum to the file regarding Expedited Reviews in the Countervailing Duty Order on Softwood Lumber from Canada (C-122-839), which is on file in room B-099 of the Central Records Unit of the Main Commerce Building. Because Hollcan did not provide the necessary information, we are not able to proceed.