

TIMBER EXPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Constitution

The Timber Export Advisory Committee (“TEAC”) is an advisory committee established by the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (“the Minister”), to provide recommendations to the Minister regarding the export of timber originating from lands within British Columbia that is regulated for manufacture in British Columbia by the Government of British Columbia.

2. Membership

TEAC will consist of a Chair, not more than eleven (11) members, and a Coordinating Secretary.

The Chair and members are to be persons with suitable background knowledge in some or all of the following areas: the practicalities and economics of conducting logging operations; the practicalities and economics of operating a wood product manufacturing facility; and knowledge of the domestic and export log markets. The membership is to represent all areas of the province where timber exports are prevalent.

The Chair will be appointed for a term of five (5) years and members will be appointed for terms of three (3) years by the Minister. Member terms will be staggered over time to maintain continuity of TEAC. The Chair and member terms may be extended or abbreviated by approval of the Minister.

The Coordinating Secretary and his/her alternate will serve as directed by the Deputy Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

3. Accountability

TEAC will report, through the Chair, to the Minister or a designate.

4. Functions and Responsibilities

(a) Applications for Exemption

Applications for Exemption to Export Unmanufactured Timber Products (“Applications”) that are advertised on the Provincial Bi-Weekly

Advertising List and receive valid offers to purchase the advertised timber (“Offers”) will be referred to TEAC.

For each Application that has a related Offer, TEAC will consider whether or not the Offer is fair relative to TEAC’s understanding of the domestic market value of the timber under the Application and, on the basis of a consensus, dispose of the Application by issuing one of the following:

- a recommendation to the Minister that the timber under Application should be considered surplus to requirements of timber processing facilities in British Columbia;
- a recommendation to the Minister that the timber under Application should not be considered surplus to requirements of timber processing facilities in British Columbia; or
- a request for further information.

(b) Other Advice and Recommendations

From time to time, TEAC, of its own volition, or in response to a request from the Minister or a designate, will provide advice and recommendations on:

- timber export policy;
- timber export proposals, including proposals relating to *Forest Act* Sections 128 (3) (a), (b) or (c);
- other applications to exempt timber from the requirements of manufacture within the province, and
- the percentage of standing timber volume, by species, grade and geographic region, to be exempted from the requirement of manufacture in British Columbia, and the term of standing timber exemptions.

5. Powers of the Chair

The Chair will designate a member as Vice-Chair to act in the absence of the Chair.

6. Meetings

TEAC will meet monthly or at the call of the Chair.

7. Quorum

A quorum will consist of the Chair or Vice-Chair and three (3) or more members.

8. Attendance

Members absent for three (3) consecutive meetings will be considered for removal from TEAC.

9. Minutes

Minutes of meetings will be prepared by the Coordinating Secretary, signed by the Chair, and distributed to members and the Minister or a designate.

10. Confidentiality

TEAC deliberations and recommendations are confidential, and the Minister may release information within limitations prescribed by Provincial Law.

11. Funding

FLNRO will provide an honorarium to the Chair and members, at a rate to be determined by the Minister. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed to all members.