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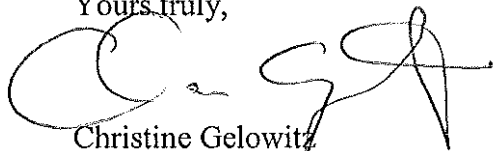
NOTE TO ALL LOG EXPORTERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

The approval term of exemptions to export unmanufactured timber products originating from harvested surplus applications has been extended to 6 months. Further extensions to the 6 month term will not be accepted and if applicants require additional time to complete an export sales agreement the timber will have to be re-advertised to ensure the volume is still surplus to the domestic market place.

This change of term from 4 to 6 months coincides with a similar modification to federal applications for log exported from land under federal jurisdiction. To align provincial and federal applications, the implementation date will be linked to the closing of the December 9, bi-weekly list on December 23. All harvested surplus export exemptions approved as a result of that bi-weekly surplus test will be under a 6 month term.



Yours truly,



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