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Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations Competitiveness Branch

MEMORANDUM

File: 20740-01

April 29, 2011

To: Exporters of Unmanufactured Timber

Re: Implementation of the Log EXemption Information System (LEXIS)

Please be advised that the implementation of the new Log EXemption Information System (LEXIS) will be delayed by two weeks. The technical staff leading this project require additional time to attain the mandatory electronic connections between the provincial (LEXIS) and federal (EXCOL) log export systems.

Due to these technical challenges and the timing of the biweekly advertising process, the revised LEXIS implementation schedule will be as follows:

- **May 17-20: Data Conversion Period**
  Note that the former Export Management System (EMS) will be taken off line and will not be available for use during this period. During the conversion period, every effort will be made to adhere to the regular administrative timelines for export approvals/permits.

- **May 26: LEXIS Orientation Session**
  A revised Live Meeting invitation with log in details will be distributed a week prior to the session. The session will be held online from 9:30-11:00am, so please reserve this time in your calendar if you plan to attend.

- **May 27: LEXIS Access**
  All applications for exemption from the province's manufacturing requirement and B.C. export permits can be submitted electronically.

- **May 30: Bi-weekly advertising date** to follow the system changes.
  The system transition period will create a necessary delay in the bi-weekly advertising date from the previously scheduled date of May 27, 2011.

Please continue to refer to our website: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/het/export.htm for current updates on the biweekly advertising dates and other information related to LEXIS implementation.

Please feel free to contact Melissa Friesen, Manager Strategic Policy (250 356-7900); John Cook, Export Policy Forester (250 387-8916); Marion Boulstridge, Log Export Analyst (250 387-8352); or your regional office contact if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your continued understanding.