

File: 20740-01

June 20, 2014

To: Exporters of Unmanufactured Timber

Re: Log Exemption Information System (LEXIS) – Upgrade June 30 2014

LEXIS upgrade as a Sub-Project of Administrative Boundaries Project

On June 30th, 2014 an Order in Council to change the structure of the current Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations (FLNR) regional and district organizational model will be put into effect for all of British Columbia. This change will finalize recent district amalgamations, as well as the official conversion of the current Coast, South Interior and North Interior regions into 8 new regions.

High level Changes:

- 3 existing regions will be expired
- 8 new regions will be added
- 6 districts will be expired
- 1 new district will be added
- 4 districts will conduct name changes

Please refer to the enclosed ***Current to New Transition Document*** for a high level overview of changes.

Some Technical Background:

The Information Management Branch within the Natural Resource Sector (NRS) manages the FLNR region/district code values and names in a centralized database table called ORG_UNIT. This table is utilized by approximately 40 FLNR business applications (including LEXIS and ESF). On June 30th, 2014 this table will be updated to reflect the new structure and this will have many downstream affects within the Ministry applications as well as external processes, such as electronic data submissions.

What does this all mean to you when using LEXIS?

All LEXIS applications for exemptions, including all electronic data submissions will be impacted, specifically because the 3 existing region code values are being replaced with 8 new region codes. Please be aware of these upcoming changes and what that means to your submission process. As of June 30th, 2014 any region/district values that are not part of the new FLNR structure will no longer be accepted in your submissions or any manual application for exemption. In other words, the applications will be rejected by LEXIS.

1. All Ministry applications (including LEXIS and ESF) will be shut down at 4 pm June 27th and will be unavailable until 8 am June 30th to allow work to be done.
2. To help with the conversion to the new regions, all files existing in the LEXIS system before shutdown at 4 pm June 27th will be converted to the new regions *automatically* by data conversion within LEXIS. To clarify: up to and including June 27th any file with a region associated with it will use the old regions, and over the weekend will be converted to the new regions. Then any new file entered on June 30th must use one of the 8 new regions.
3. As of June 30th any electronic submission in either a Provincial or Federal jurisdiction that is uploaded through the Electronic Submission Framework (ESF) will require new formatting. The LEXIS schema version 2 will become the supported version as of June 30th and version 1 will become unsupported. If you aren't already doing so, please make sure all new submissions employ LEXIS schema version 2 by June 30th, if not sooner. Most submitters currently use schema version 2.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact your existing LEXIS business support contact (in the Region or in Victoria), who will provide you with further information and/or routing to an appropriate resource. LEXIS contacts can be found on the branch webpage at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/het/export-lexis.htm>.

Regards,

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Enclosure(s): Current to New Transition Document
District and Region Changes Spreadsheet