

**UPDATED NOTICE TO EXPORTERS AND MAJOR TENURE HOLDERS
CONCERNING ORDER-IN-COUNCIL (OIC) #121**

OIC #121 came into effect on February 13 2002 to provide opportunities for the export of timber until February 12 2005. The OIC covers timber originating from tenures within the North Coast Forest District, Kalum Forest District and Kispiox Forest District (that has now become the Kispiox and Cranberry TSA portion of the Skeena Stikine Forest District).

The OIC stipulates a number of conditions including the requirement that an export permit be obtained from a regional manager. As a result of restructuring within the Ministry of Forests, permit applications relating to timber originating within the Kalum and Skeena Stikine Forest Districts must be submitted to:

Sharon Robinson- Phone (250) 565-6239
Ministry of Forests
1011 4th Ave
Prince George BC V2L 3H9

Permit applications relating to timber originating within the North Coast Forest District must be submitted to:

Chris Potvin- Phone (250)751-7090
Ministry of Forests
2100 Labieux Road
Nanaimo BC V9T 6E9

To avoid any confusion, please be aware that clause b of the OIC states:

"within each calendar year, the annual volume of timber approved for export under export permits for each tenure does not exceed 35% of the total annual volume harvested on each tenure, as determined by billings."

The meaning of calendar year is clear and tenure holders must provide, as part of their export application, information to substantiate that they will meet the restrictions of clause b. As the end of each calendar year approaches each regional office will be rigorously applying this requirement by comparing the volume exported within a calendar year against the volume harvested and billed within the calendar year. If, at any time, the Regional Manager is not satisfied that annual harvest volumes will be met, export permits may be withheld. Permits may be delayed until all export volumes for the current calendar year are within 35% of the



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harvest volumes currently billed for the calendar year (note: export volumes include the applications currently before the regional manager).

Species restrictions also apply to this OIC to exclude western red cedar and cypress.

The application package must also include:

- the completed and notarized FS 38,
- a valid export sales invoice,
- the original summary of scale (FS 72 format) with the detailed log listing.
- a cheque covering the fee in lieu of manufacture based on \$1.00 per cubic metre,
- the location of the timber under application.
- an explanation of how the 35% of invoiced volume restriction will be met.

The package is to be submitted to the regional manager responsible for the area of harvest a minimum of **ten** working days prior to the expected date of shipment. Errors, omissions or incomplete explanations will increase the time required to process an application. Upon confirmation that all fees, including stumpage fees, have been paid and that all conditions of the OIC have been met the regional manager will sign the export permit. Applicants should not confirm final shipment arrangements until an export permit has been issued. The Ministry of Forests is not responsible for any costs that may be associated with delays in the issuance of export permits. The signed export permit will be faxed back to the applicant unless prior arrangements have been made.

Yours truly,

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Ken Collingwood
Regional Manager
Vancouver/Coastal Forest Region

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Jim Snetsinger
Regional Manager
Prince George/Northern Interior
Forest Region

Dated: April 28, 2003