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Title: **United States levies 10 percent import tariffs on softwood lumber from four Canadian provinces**

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Beginning April 15, the United States will require a 10 percent duty on imports of softwood lumber products from the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The duties will be imposed until the United States has collected \$54.8 million.

A press release from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative said the duties were initiated because Canada did not meet a March deadline for remedial action following a February ruling that Canada violated the 2006 Softwood Lumber Agreement by failing to properly calculate quotas on exports of softwood lumber products during the first six months of 2007.

Under the ruling, Canada was required to collect an additional 10 percent export charge on softwood lumber shipments from its eastern provinces, until about \$54.8 million had been collected. Instead, Canada offered to pay \$36.66 million to the U.S. government, an offer the USTR rejected April 2.

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