

SOFTWOOD LUMBER BOARD**APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM ASSESSMENT: _____ (YEAR)**

As stated in §1217.53 of the Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education, and Industry Information Order (Exemption from assessments):

Any domestic manufacturer or importer who ships within the United States or imports to the United States less than 15 million board feet annually who desires to claim an exemption from assessments during a fiscal year as provided in §1217.53 shall apply to the Softwood Lumber Board (Board), on a form provided by the Board, for a certificate of exemption. Such domestic manufacturer or importer shall certify that the manufacturer's or importer's shipment or importation of softwood lumber shall be less than 15 million board feet for the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed.

CERTIFICATION

(To Be Signed and Dated by Applicant)

I hereby certify that I manufactured and shipped within the United States or imported to the United States less than 15 million board feet of softwood lumber in _____ (prior year). I therefore request a certificate of exemption from the Softwood Lumber Board (Board) for the year _____.

Contact Name, Title: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Company Name : _____

Street Address: _____

City, State/Province, Country, Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Telephone No.: _____

For Importers: Importer ID# (as per Customs' records): _____

For Domestic Manufacturers (within the U.S.): Tax ID# or Employer ID#: _____

Board feet of softwood lumber shipped/imported in 20XX (prior year): _____

Forecast of board feet of softwood lumber to be shipped/imported in 20XX: _____

Supporting documentation to verify prior year's shipments is REQUIRED for U.S. domestic manufacturers. This application will be rejected if the applicant is a U.S. domestic manufacturer and sufficient supporting documentation is not included. Suggested supporting documentation may include copies of production or shipment records or grading agency reports. The Softwood Lumber Board will reconcile import volumes with U.S. Customs data, therefore supporting documentation is not required from importers.

Please email or mail your completed Certificate of Exemption from Application with **supporting documentation** to:

Softwood Lumber Board

Street

State, City, Zip Code

Telephone No.: (XXX) XXX-XXXX

Email:

NOTE: The making of any false statement or representation on this form, knowing it to be false, is a violation of Title 18, §1001 United States Code, which provides for the penalty of a fine of \$10,000, imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both.

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