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OMB 0581-0264

SOFTWOOD LUMBER BOARD

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM ASSESSMENT

As stated in Section 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 Section 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: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Company Name : _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Email: _____

Telephone No. _____ Tax ID# or Importer 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 mail, fax, or email your completed Certificate of Exemption from Application with **supporting documentation** by (DATE) to:

Softwood Lumber Board
Street
State, City Zip Code
Telephone: # Fax: # Email:

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