## **United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service**

## OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order

To be counted, completed ballots must be received by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Month XX, 20XX, by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

NOTE: Only one vote will be counted for each eligible domestic manufacturer and importer. Incomplete ballots may be INVALID and may not be counted in the referendum.

I. ELIGIBLITY
I Manufactured and Shipped within the United States or Imported to the United States board feet of softwood lumber during the period January 1 through December 31, 20XX, and am currently a domestic manufacturer or importer of softwood lumber.
Do not include softwood lumber exported from the United States.  (One cubic meter = 423.7760007 board feet)  **USDA may request documentation to support the volume above.
II. VOTE
Instructions: Mark one box only.
Do you favor continuance/amendment of the Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education
and Industry Information Order?
YES □ NO □
III. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE
ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED BELOW IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.
I <b>CERTIFY</b> that I am the person authorized to cast this ballot and that the information contained on this ballot is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and is made in good faith. If this ballot is being cast on behalf of any group of individuals, partnership, corporation, or other business entity engaged in the manufacture or importation of softwood lumber, I also <b>CERTIFY</b> that I have the authority to cast this ballot.
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SIGNATURE DATE
ENTITY NAME BUSINESS TELEPHONE NUMBER
IV. MAILING Return ballot in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.

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