

Notice of Public Hearing in the Softwood Lumber Arbitration:
Canada v. United States, LCIA Arbitration No. 91312

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) wishes to inform the public of an opportunity to attend a hearing in the arbitration under the 2006 Softwood Lumber Agreement between the United States and Canada, *Canada v. United States*, LCIA Arbitration No. 91312. That hearing is scheduled to begin on June 11, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., and will conclude on June 12, 2009. The hearing will be held at the Offices of the World Bank, Main Building, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, DC, in room MC 13-121.

At the hearing, parties will make an opening statement, examine expert witnesses, respond to questions from the tribunal, make subsequent presentations, and make a closing statement. For more information about this arbitration, the U.S. response to Canada’s request for arbitration may be found on the USTR website, www.ustr.gov. The U.S. statement of defense will be posted on the USTR web site after it is filed on June 1, 2009.

The hearing is open to the public. However, the tribunal may order members of the public to exit the hearing chamber if confidential information is to be presented. In addition, due to security requirements of the World Bank and space limitations, any person who wishes to attend the hearing must register beforehand. Access to the World Bank building and the hearing will be granted on a first come, first served basis, based on the date the request to attend the hearing is received.

USTR invites any person interested in attending the hearing to so inform USTR by e-mail to rsvp@ustr.eop.gov. Each request should indicate the person’s full name, contact information (full address, phone, and e-mail), and organization (if any), and whether the person has made any other request to attend the hearing (such as a request directly to the World Bank or to the other party to the arbitration, Canada). USTR urges that requests be made as soon as possible, as space is limited and requests will be granted on a first come, first served basis. In any event, all requests must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., June 4, 2009.