

Notice of Public Hearing in the Softwood Lumber Arbitration:
United States v. Canada, LCIA Arbitration No. 111790

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, *United States v. Canada*, LCIA Arbitration No. 111790, concerning British Columbia timber pricing. The hearing will be held at the Offices of the World Bank, Main Building, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C., in room MC13-121. The hearing is scheduled to begin on February 27, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude on March 8 or March 9, 2012. The hearing will take place on weekdays, and on Saturday March 3, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

At the hearing, parties will make an opening statement, examine expert witnesses, respond to questions from the tribunal, make subsequent presentations, and make closing statements. For more information about this arbitration, the U.S. submissions may be found on the USTR website at:

www.ustr.gov/trade-topics/enforcement/dispute-settlement-proceedings/2006-softwood-lumber-agreement.

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 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 (phone number and email address), 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 first come, first served basis.