

Discription of the products	Region/Country
	<b>Canada</b>
	Name of the products
	<b>Canadian Hard Softwood Lumber: Spruce Pine Fir (SPF)</b>
	Name of Exporter:
	<b>Quebec Wood Export Bureau (QWEB)/ Canada Wood Location: Quebec City, Province of Quebec, Canada</b>
Outline of Exportation (Volume of importation/ End use etc)	<b>2009 Canadian Lumber Exports to Japan: 1,998,338M3</b>
Name of utilizing system	<b>Wood origin and legality traceability system of QWEB based on the QWEB Code of Conduct, complied with QWEB s Auditing and Traceability system Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) which are internationally recognized under the Program for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)</b>
Related Area	Region /Country: <b>Provinces of Quebec</b>
General overview of verification	Party responsible for issuing verification
	<b>Individual association member companies of QWEB are individually responsible for each of their respective third party verification schemes.</b>
	Outline of issuing process
	<b>Certification issued through CSA, SFI (PEFC) and FSC third party accreditation bodies. Please contact QWEB / Canada Wood association member companies for further detail.</b>
Scheme to check for legality at the time of logging	The system shall verify - <b>Both sustainability and legality are verified under PEFC and FSC certification schemes.</b>
	Definition of legality
	<b>In Canada illegal logging is defined as: (A) Theft of timber or logs, (B) deliberate harvesting without express or implied authority to do so, or in unauthorized areas or where authority has been revoked for deficient harvesting practices, or after government approvals are obtained by corrupt practices; (C) Where there is a deliberate failure to pay stumpage and/or royalties to forest owners</b>
	Relevant laws
	<b>Many laws related to logging and harvesting exist at the municipal, regional, provincial and national level. On a provincial level for public lands (Crown Lands): Quebec s Forest Act and Best Management Practices on Crown Lands</b>
	Details of presumed illegal activities
	<b>In Quebec, Canada, illegal wood is not really an issue. There is virtually no risk that wood coming from Quebec s forests would have been illegally harvested.</b>
	Procedures for retaining and verifying the evidence
	<b>Respective certified member companies retain verification documentation in compliance with PEFC / FSC certification schemes as well as related national and provincial laws.</b>
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
<b>Responsibility of third party verification scheme is decided by individual member companies.</b>	
Scheme to check for sustainability	Definition of sustainability
	<b>Sustainable forest management integrates economic, social and environmental aspects of management into an appropriate balance that meets the needs of today s society without jeopardizing the ability of future generations to meet their needs.</b>
	Procedures for retaining and verifying the evidence
	<b>Respective certified member companies retain verification documentation in compliance with PEFC / FSC certification schemes as well as related national and provincial laws.</b>
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
<b>Responsibility of third party verification scheme is decided by individual member companies.</b>	
Scheme of separative custody management	Real picture of the dealings, from logging to export
	Procedure for ensuring separative custody management
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
Future Task and Perspectives	Criticisms against the system and recognition of problems
	Remediation procedure
	Future perspectives
<b>QWEB/ Canada Wood Japan will continue to strive in the future to educate and encourage member companies on the Japanese Goho Wood requirements as they relate to the Forestry Agency s guidelines for green procurement and other relevant marketplace needs.</b>	
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