

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3301(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1853, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this subtitle] shall take effect on the date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [June 18, 2008].”

§ 1683a. Establishment of softwood lumber importer declaration program

(a) Establishment of program

(1) In general

The President shall establish and maintain an importer declaration program with respect to the importation of softwood lumber and softwood lumber products described in section 1683b(a) of this title. The importer declaration program shall require importers of softwood lumber and softwood lumber products described in section 1683b(a) of this title to provide the information required under subsection (b) and declare the information required by subsection (c), and require that such information accompany the entry summary documentation.

(2) Electronic record

The President shall establish an electronic record that includes the importer information required under subsection (b) and the declarations required under subsection (c).

(b) Required information

The President shall require the following information to be submitted by any person seeking to import softwood lumber or softwood lumber products described in section 1683b(a) of this title:

- (1) The export price for each shipment of softwood lumber or softwood lumber products.
- (2) The estimated export charge, if any, applicable to each shipment of softwood lumber or softwood lumber products as calculated by applying the percentage determined and published by the Under Secretary for International Trade of the Department of Commerce pursuant to section 1683c of this title to the export price provided in subsection (b)(1).

(c) Importer declarations

Pursuant to procedures prescribed by the President, any person seeking to import softwood lumber or softwood lumber products described in section 1683b(a) of this title shall declare that—

- (1) the person has made appropriate inquiry, including seeking appropriate documentation from the exporter and consulting the determinations published by the Under Secretary for International Trade of the Department of Commerce pursuant to section 1683c(b) of this title; and
- (2) to the best of the person’s knowledge and belief—
 - (A) the export price provided pursuant to subsection (b)(1) is determined in accordance with the definition provided in section 1683(5) of this title;
 - (B) the export price provided pursuant to subsection (b)(1) is consistent with the export price provided on the export permit, if any, granted by the country of export; and

(C) the exporter has paid, or committed to pay, all export charges due—

- (i) in accordance with the volume, export price, and export charge rate or rates, if any, as calculated under an international agreement entered into by the country of export and the United States; and
- (ii) consistent with the export charge determinations published by the Under Secretary for International Trade pursuant to section 1683c(b) of this title.

(June 17, 1930, ch. 497, title VIII, §803, as added Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3301(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1847.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1683 of this title, referred to in subsec. (c)(2)(A), was in the original section “802”, and was translated as meaning the section 802 of act June 17, 1930, as added by section 3301(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

CODIFICATION

Another section 803 of act June 17, 1930, is classified to section 1681b of this title.

§ 1683b. Scope of softwood lumber importer declaration program

(a) Products included in program

The following products shall be subject to the importer declaration program established under section 1683a of this title:

(1) In general

All softwood lumber and softwood lumber products classified under subheading 4407.10.00, 4409.10.10, 4409.10.20, or 4409.10.90 of the HTS, including the following softwood lumber, flooring, and siding:

- (A) Coniferous wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded, or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 millimeters.
- (B) Coniferous wood siding (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rabbeted, chamfered, v-jointed, beaded, molded, rounded, or the like) along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded, or finger-jointed.
- (C) Other coniferous wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rabbeted, chamfered, v-jointed, beaded, molded, rounded, or the like) along any of its edges or faces (other than wood moldings and wood dowel rods) whether or not planed, sanded, or finger-jointed.

(D) Coniferous wood flooring (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rabbeted, chamfered, v-jointed, beaded, molded, rounded, or the like) along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded, or finger-jointed.

(E) Coniferous drilled and notched lumber and angle cut lumber.

(2) Products continually shaped

Any product classified under subheading 4409.10.05 of the HTS that is continually shaped along its end or side edges.

(3) Other lumber products

Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) or (c), softwood lumber products that are stringers, radius-cut box-spring frame components, fence pickets, truss components, pallet components, and door and window frame parts classified under subheading 4418.90.46.95, 4421.90.70.40, or 4421.90.97.40 of the HTS.

(b) Products excluded from program

The following products shall be excluded from the importer declaration program established under section 1683a of this title:

- (1) Trusses and truss kits, properly classified under subheading 4418.90 of the HTS.
- (2) I-joist beams.
- (3) Assembled box-spring frames.
- (4) Pallets and pallet kits, properly classified under subheading 4415.20 of HTS.
- (5) Garage doors.
- (6) Edge-glued wood, properly classified under subheading 4421.90.97.40 of the HTS.
- (7) Complete door frames.
- (8) Complete window frames.
- (9) Furniture.
- (10) Articles brought into the United States temporarily and for which an exemption from duty is claimed under subchapter XIII of chapter 98 of the HTS.
- (11) Household and personal effects.

(c) Exceptions for certain products

The following softwood lumber products shall not be subject to the importer declaration program established under section 1683a of this title:

(1) Stringers

Stringers (pallet components used for runners), if the stringers—

- (A) have at least 2 notches on the side, positioned at equal distance from the center, to properly accommodate forklift blades; and
- (B) are properly classified under subheading 4421.90.97.40 of the HTS.

(2) Box-spring frame kits**(A) In general**

Box-spring frame kits, if—

- (i) the kits contain—
 - (I) 2 wooden side rails;
 - (II) 2 wooden end (or top) rails; and
 - (III) varying numbers of wooden slats; and
- (ii) the side rails and the end rails are radius-cut at both ends.

(B) Packaging

Any kit described in subparagraph (A) shall be individually packaged, and contain the exact number of wooden components needed to make the box-spring frame described on the entry documents, with no further processing required. None of the components contained in the package may exceed 1 inch in actual thickness or 83 inches in length.

(3) Radius-cut box-spring frame components

Radius-cut box-spring frame components, not exceeding 1 inch in actual thickness or 83

inches in length, ready for assembly without further processing, if radius cuts are present on both ends of the boards and are substantial cuts so as to completely round 1 corner.

(4) Fence pickets

Fence pickets requiring no further processing and properly classified under subheading 4421.90.70 of the HTS, 1 inch or less in actual thickness, up to 8 inches wide, and 6 feet or less in length, and having finials or decorative cuttings that clearly identify them as fence pickets. In the case of dog-eared fence pickets, the corners of the boards shall be cut off so as to remove pieces of wood in the shape of isosceles right angle triangles with sides measuring $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch or more.

(5) United States-origin lumber

Lumber originating in the United States that is exported to another country for minor processing and imported into the United States if—

(A) the processing occurring in another country is limited to kiln drying, planing to create smooth-to-size board, and sanding; and

(B) the importer establishes to the satisfaction of U.S. Customs and Border Protection upon entry that the lumber originated in the United States.

(6) Softwood lumber

Any softwood lumber or softwood lumber product that originated in the United States, if the importer, exporter, foreign processor, or original United States producer establishes to the satisfaction of U.S. Customs and Border Protection upon entry that the softwood lumber entered and documented as originating in the United States was first produced in the United States.

(7) Home packages or kits**(A) In general**

Softwood lumber or softwood lumber products contained in a single family home package or kit, regardless of the classification under the HTS, if the importer declares that the following requirements have been met:

(i) The package or kit constitutes a full package of the number of wooden pieces specified in the plan, design, or blueprint necessary to produce a home of at least 700 square feet produced to a specified plan, design, or blueprint.

(ii) The package or kit contains—

(I) all necessary internal and external doors and windows, nails, screws, glue, subfloor, sheathing, beams, posts, and connectors; and

(II) if included in the purchase contract, the decking, trim, drywall, and roof shingles specified in the plan, design, or blueprint.

(iii) Prior to importation, the package or kit is sold to a United States retailer that sells complete home packages or kits pursuant to a valid purchase contract referencing the particular home design, plan, or blueprint, and the contract is signed by a customer not affiliated with the importer.

(iv) Softwood lumber products entered as part of the package or kit, whether in a single entry or multiple entries on multiple days, are to be used solely for the construction of the single family home specified by the home design, plan, or blueprint matching the U.S. Customs and Border Protection import entry.

(B) Additional documentation required for home packages and kits

In the case of each entry of products described in clauses (i) through (iv) of subparagraph (A) the following documentation shall be retained by the importer and made available to U.S. Customs and Border Protection upon request:

(i) A copy of the appropriate home design, plan, or blueprint matching the customs entry in the United States.

(ii) A purchase contract from a retailer of home kits or packages signed by a customer not affiliated with the importer.

(iii) A listing of all parts in the package or kit being entered into the United States that conforms to the home design, plan, or blueprint for which such parts are being imported.

(iv) If a single contract involves multiple entries, an identification of all the items required to be listed under clause (iii) that are included in each individual shipment.

(d) Products covered

For purposes of determining if a product is covered by the importer declaration program, the President shall be guided by the article descriptions provided in this section.

(June 17, 1930, ch. 497, title VIII, §804, as added Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3301(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1848.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1683a of this title, referred to in subsecs. (a) to (c), was in the original section “803”, and was translated as meaning the section 803 of act June 17, 1930, as added by section 3301(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

§ 1683c. Export charge determination and publication

(a) Determination

The Under Secretary for International Trade of the Department of Commerce shall determine, on a monthly basis, any export charges (expressed as a percentage of export price) to be collected by a country of export from exporters of softwood lumber or softwood lumber products described in section 1683b(a) of this title in order to ensure compliance with any international agreement entered into by that country and the United States.

(b) Publication

The Under Secretary for International Trade shall immediately publish any determination made under subsection (a) on the website of the International Trade Administration of the Department of Commerce, and in any other manner the Under Secretary considers appropriate.

(June 17, 1930, ch. 497, title VIII, §805, as added Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3301(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1851.)

§ 1683d. Reconciliation

The Secretary of the Treasury shall conduct reconciliations to ensure the proper implementation and operation of international agreements entered into between a country of export of softwood lumber or softwood lumber products described in section 1683b(a) of this title and the United States. The Secretary of Treasury shall reconcile the following:

(1) The export price declared by a United States importer pursuant to section 1683a(b)(1) of this title with the export price reported to the United States by the country of export, if any.

(2) The export price declared by a United States importer pursuant to section 1683a(b)(1) of this title with the revised export price reported to the United States by the country of export, if any.

(June 17, 1930, ch. 497, title VIII, §806, as added Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3301(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1851.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1683a of this title, referred to in pars. (1) and (2), was in the original section “803”, and was translated as meaning the section 803 of act June 17, 1930, as added by section 3301(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

§ 1683e. Verification

(a) In general

The Secretary of Treasury shall periodically verify the declarations made by a United States importer pursuant to section 1683a(c) of this title, including by determining whether—

(1) the export price declared by a United States importer pursuant to section 1683a(b)(1) of this title is the same as the export price provided on the export permit, if any, issued by the country of export; and

(2) the estimated export charge declared by a United States importer pursuant to section 1683a(b)(2) of this title is consistent with the determination published by the Under Secretary for International Trade pursuant to section 1683c(b) of this title.

(b) Examination of books and records

(1) In general

Any record relating to the importer declaration program required under section 1683a of this title shall be treated as a record required to be maintained and produced under title V of this Act.¹

(2) Examination of records

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to take such action, and examine such records, under section 1509 of this title, as the Secretary determines necessary to verify the declarations made pursuant to section 1683a(c) of this title are true and accurate.

(June 17, 1930, ch. 497, title VIII, §807, as added Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3301(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1851.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1683a, referred to in text, was in the original section “803”, and was translated as meaning the sec-

¹ See References in Text note below.