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NOTICE TO EXPORTERS and BROKERS

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WHAT?

The Log **EX**emption Information System (**LEXIS**) has been developed to move the current export process from a paper-based one to a web-based ESF application.

The Electronic Submission Framework (ESF) is a secure extranet Web portal for data exchange between forest client both external and internal to the Ministry of Forests and Range. Major licensees have been required to submit information electronically for some Ministry applications, since June 2005.

WHEN?

The new program is expected to be in place by June 2008.

WHY?

ESF provides much needed data consistency by using a common submission standard for business area information requirements captured in the corporate database.

Ministry and its forest clients will be able to:

- Capture data once at source eliminating duplicate data entry
- Streamline and standardize business transactions between the Ministry and forest clients
- Improve data accuracy
- Reduce the time required in the process

Other benefits are:

- No special software is needed to be installed
- Edits and updates to the application are centralized and seamless to the end user
- Any computer with internet access and a browser can be used.
- Specific computer configurations are unnecessary
- Web-based applications are more intuitive and organized with the familiar schema of a Web page (buttons, hyperlinks, etc)

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WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

Non-government users require a BCEID prior to exchange data through ESF. To obtain a BCEID, visit <https://www.bceid.ca/>

Once you have a BCEID, please a request for PROV-SUBMITTER role in LEXIS to Doreen.Zelisney@gov.bc.ca

More details to follow.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The general process for the application for exemptions and export permits will not change; however, some details that you should be aware of are:

1. All transactions relating to advertising on the Biweekly List will be auto-processed according to the Schedule for the Biweekly List 2008 currently posted on our website at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/HET/Export/index.htm>
2. Summaries of scale must be in mark/species/grade/volume breakdown by unique package (formerly called boom) number.
3. International sales invoices and/or signed international purchase agreements from seller to purchaser must be in \$CDN only (in compliance with International Trade Canada and Canadian Border Services Agency), and clearly show the export value of the specific timber under application, and the final destination.
4. Supporting documentation must be made available on request.
5. No permit will be issued without receipt of the documents in 2) and 3).
6. No permit will be issued until fees are received and receipted by Ministry of Small Business and Revenue.
7. Exemptions and Permits will be posted to LEXIS “My Account” for pickup
8. Standing timber applications must have timber mark (s) in place prior to application.

Please watch this site for updates as they come.