

FAIR MARKET ACCESS ACCORD

Together, we the undersigned, represent a wide range of interests,
yet share a common vision for the industry.

Guiding Principles:

1. We support policies that provide for a safe, environmentally responsible, culturally sensitive and internationally competitive forest industry in B.C.
2. We support policies that provide mutual benefits to the forest management and manufacturing sectors, rather than those which unfairly benefit one at the expense of the other.
3. We support policies that create globally accessible, open and competitive log markets, which domestic manufacturers can access at fair market prices.
4. We believe that open access to global markets will increase the viability of independent harvesters and manufacturers, and will aid in the development of a vibrant domestic log market.
5. We believe that Crown land forest policy should strive to maximize the value of the timber resource so that licensees can access and deliver all species and log grades to market.
6. We believe that public policy should respect and reward long-term investments on private forest lands by ensuring that private land logs and any forest products derived from those logs are free of export restrictions and taxes.
7. We believe that export restrictions and taxes on crown land logs and lumber should be applied consistently, equivalently, and only be charged where barriers to trade exist.

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