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- REFERENCES:
- (1) Customs Tariff: Items 19200-1, 19200-2, 50600-1 and 50600-12
 - (2) Canadian International Trade Classification (Cat. #65-502E, Statistics Canada)
 - (3) Imports by Commodities (Cat. #65-007, Statistics Canada) Commodity Codes 338-95 & 338-99

SECTION I

SCOPE OF ANALYSIS

This report is based on a detailed examination of documents covering imports of medium density fiberboard, during the months January to December 1983. The following Statistics Canada Import Commodity Codes were analyzed.

- 338-95(10) Particleboard, reconstituted woodboard
- 338-99(20) Particleboard, plastic faced
- 338-99(30) Particleboard, metal faced
- 338-99(90) Building board, wood, not elsewhere specified

SECTION II

CANADIAN PRODUCTION

According to Departmental sources medium density fiberboard is not presently manufactured in Canada.

SECTION III

ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS

Imports of medium density fiberboard reported on documents examined amounted to a total quantity of 15,860,792 square feet for a value of \$4,787,722. All shipments originated from the United States. Medium density fiberboard having a thickness of greater than 1/2 inch accounted for 8,071,312 square feet or 51 per cent of the total quantity.

SECTION III

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Although not noted in the tables medium density fiberboard described as covered (e.g. vinyl, veneer or metal covered) amounted to 732,348 square feet for a value of \$178,171.

During the period analyzed medium density fiberboard entered Canada under four separate tariff items: 19200-1, 19200-2, 50600-1 and 50600-12 (see Section V for individual tariff item descriptions). Imports by percentage of total value for each tariff item were as follows:

<u>TARIFF ITEM</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL VALUE</u>
19200-1	26
19200-2	36
50600-1	6
50600-12	32

The analysis indicates that 53% of the total square footage entered Canada into the province of British Columbia. No shipments entered directly into the Atlantic provinces. Seventy-one percent of the total square footage entered Canada by truck with the remaining 29% entering by rail (see Table 2).

Full details of the analysis are provided in the following tables.

NOTES: The following notes apply to all tables of information contained in this report.

Dollar values shown are based on selling price F.O.B. plant, in Canadian dollars. This selling price represents the value paid by the importer, excluding all freight, packing and insurance costs when specified. All trade discounts when applicable are also deducted from the selling price.

(1) - Less than one percent

(2) - Includes "Cut to Size"

All percentage figures are rounded.

Certain thicknesses and sheet sizes were aggregated in order to preserve confidentiality.

Square footage shown is actual; not converted to standard measures.

TABLE 1

IMPORTS OF MEDIUM DENSITY FIBERBOARD - BY THICKNESS AND SIZE

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1983

Thickness (Inches)	SIZE (INCHES)		Sheets (No.)	Quantity (Sq.Ft.)	Value (\$)	Import Market Concentration (Market Shares)
	Width	Length				Top 3 Importers (% of Sq. Ft.)
5/32	48 & 60	x 96	9,925	336,888	79,273	94
3/16	24 to 48 60	x 96 & 108 x 96 & 108	11,967	376,908	91,952	78
			1,903	76,785	17,370	75
			<u>13,870</u>	<u>453,693</u>	<u>109,322</u>	
1/4	48 48 & 60	x 96 x 108 & 120	6,215	198,752	43,732	80
			2,985	118,930	24,247	85
			<u>9,200</u>	<u>317,682</u>	<u>67,979</u>	
5/16	48 & 60	x 96	19,869	768,800	136,561	98
3/8	3-1/2 to 4-7/8 5 to 5-7/8 6 to 7-13/16 48 60	x 96 x 96 x 96 to 120 x 96 & 108 x 96 to 120	31,002	79,597	25,944	100
			38,381	130,086	43,126	98
			68,292	297,066	100,401	96
			14,312	461,100	96,478	84
			17,179	688,916	143,858	96
			<u>169,166</u>	<u>1,656,765</u>	<u>409,807</u>	
7/16	4 to 12 48 to 60	x 96 & 108 x 72 to 120	40,542	155,039	50,711	100
			61,266	1,973,154	522,185	66
			<u>101,808</u>	<u>2,128,193</u>	<u>572,896</u>	
1/2, 5/8, 11/16, 3/4, 7/8 (2)	2-3/4 to 16	x 96 & 120	107,058	543,227	199,550	85

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TABLE 1

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IMPORTS OF MEDIUM DENSITY FIBERBOARD - BY THICKNESS AND SIZEJANUARY TO DECEMBER 1983

<u>Thickness</u> (Inches)	<u>SIZE (INCHES)</u>		<u>Sheets</u> (No.)	<u>Quantity</u> (Sq.Ft.)	<u>Value</u> (\$)	<u>Import Market Concentration</u> (Market Shares)
	<u>Width</u>	<u>Length</u>				<u>Top 3 Importers</u> (% of Sq. Ft.)
1/2	48	x 76 to 96	30,033	961,173	268,829	80
	48	x 108 & 120	970	36,400	8,748	94
	60	x 60 to 84	1,251	42,569	11,875	100
	60	x 96	16,522	658,480	161,811	99
	60	x 101 to 144	3,752	170,519	44,376	90
			<u>52,528</u>	<u>1,869,141</u>	<u>495,639</u>	
9/16	48	x 96	9,345	299,040	87,187	100
5/8	24 to 48	x 72 to 108	42,800	1,314,648	423,856	74
	60	x 96	15,703	628,120	180,689	99
	60	x 108	8,567	385,527	113,810	92
	60	x 120	730	36,500	12,254	100
			<u>67,800</u>	<u>2,364,795</u>	<u>730,609</u>	
11/16	48	x 72 to 96	33,752	914,464	356,956	82
	48	x 108 & 120	11,253	408,976	140,274	99
	60	x 84 & 96	19,636	783,340	231,853	96
	60	x 108	6,125	275,670	87,459	94
	60	x 120	6,048	305,050	102,370	82
			<u>76,814</u>	<u>2,687,500</u>	<u>918,912</u>	

TABLE 1 (Continued)

IMPORTS OF MEDIUM DENSITY FIBERBOARD - BY THICKNESS AND SIZE

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Thickness (Inches)	SIZE (INCHES)		Sheets (No.)	Quantity (Sq.Ft.)	Value (\$)	Import Market Concentration (Market Shares)
	Width	Length				Top 3 Importers (% of Sq. Ft.)
3/4	23-1/2 to 48 48 & 54	x 24 to 96	20,508	634,262	235,602	82
		x 108 to 144	1,206	44,436	15,639	100
	60	x 24 to 90	9,762	291,663	107,279	100
		x 96	7,157	286,360	98,477	99
	60	x 108	12,646	569,070	198,525	87
	60	x 120	2,825	141,250	55,400	91
				54,104	1,967,041	710,922
7/8	22 to 60	x 24 to 120	931	25,637	11,689	100
1	48	x 96	376	12,032	5,908	95
		x 72 & 96	6,070	86,550	40,310	72
	60	x 108	694	31,235	15,582	86
	60	x 120 & 144	1,113	56,130	27,296	93
				8,253	185,947	89,096
1-1/8 to 1-1/2	48 & 60	x 96 to 120	5,659	256,443	168,280	92
TOTAL			706,330	15,860,792	4,787,722	

TABLE 2

IMPORTS OF MEDIUM DENSITY FIBERBOARD - BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY AND MODE OF TRANSPORTATIONJANUARY TO DECEMBER 1983

Thickness (Inches)	Quantity (Sq.Ft.)	PROVINCE OF ENTRY				MODE OF TRANSPORTATION	
		Quebec (Ontario - % of	Prairies Sq. Ft.	British Columbia -)	Rail (% of Sq. Ft.)	Truck (% of Sq. Ft.)
5/32 to 5/16	1,877,063	19	29	1	51	7	93
3/8	1,656,765	30	28	4	38	24	76
7/16	2,128,193	34	29	9	28	25	75
1/2, 5/8, 11/16 3/4 & 7/8 (2)	543,227	-	12	9	79	-	100
1/2	1,869,141	12	21	2	65	45	55
9/16	299,040	-	(1)	(1)	99	2	98
5/8	2,364,795	5	13	(1)	82	46	54
11/16	2,687,500	23	31	7	39	37	63
3/4	1,967,041	26	14	1	59	48	52
7/8 to 1-1/2	468,027	36	33	4	27	43	57
TOTAL	15,860,792	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE 3

IMPORTS OF MEDIUM DENSITY FIBERBOARD - BY QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION OF 1983 IMPORTS

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1983

<u>1983</u>	<u>Quantity</u> <u>(Sq.Ft.)</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>(\$)</u>
January to March	4,215,165	1,241,171
April to June	3,680,606	1,042,867
July to September	3,704,733	1,158,941
October to December	4,260,288	1,344,743
TOTAL	<hr/> 15,860,792	<hr/> 4,787,722

SECTION IV

FOREIGN EXPORTERS TO CANADA

Exporters to Canada of medium density fiberboard during the period January to December 1983 as shown in Section III are listed below in descending order of value.

<u>UNITED STATES</u>		<u>Value</u> <u>(\$)</u>
Plumcreek Lumber Corp.	Columbia Falls, MT	1,844,558
Medford Corp.	Medford, OR) 2,265,438*
Louisiana-Pacific Corp.	Rocklin, CA	
Weyerhaeuser Co.	Moncure, NC) 639,823*
Down River Forest Prod.	White City, OR	
Celotex Corp.	Tampa, FL	
Willamette Ind.	Portland, OR) 37,903*
Masonite Corp.	Spring Hope, NC	

* - Aggregated to preserve confidentiality.

SECTION V

CANADIAN AND FOREIGN TARIFFS

CANADA

Medium density fiberboard included in this analysis is dutiable under the following most commonly applied tariff items.

<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>British Preferential Tariff</u>	<u>Most Favoured Nation Tariff</u>	<u>General Tariff</u>	<u>General Preferential Tariff</u>	<u>U.K. & Ireland</u>
19200-1	Tarred paper and prepared roofings (including shingles), fiberboard, strawboard, sheathing and insulation, manufactured wholly or in part of vegetable fibers, n.o.p.; blotting paper, not printed nor illustrated.	12.1%	12.1%	35%	8%	12.1%
19200-2	Building papers and building paper felts, whether or not coated or saturated, not cut to size or shape; fiberboard, strawboard, sheathing and insulation, manufactured wholly or in part of vegetable fibers, n.o.p., not cut to size or shape; blotting paper, not cut to size or shape	10.8%	10.8%	35%	7%	10.8%
50600-1	Manufactures of wood, n.o.p....	12.1%	12.1%	25%	8%	12.1%
50600-12	Particleboard.....	11%	11%	25%	7%	11%

Tariff items and rates of duty are subject to change, and need to be verified by direct reference to:

Department of National Revenue
Tariff Programs
Legislation Implementation Group
Customs and Excise
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0L5

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Inquiries concerning tariffs and other government trade regulations in foreign countries should be directed to:

International Bureaux
Department of External Affairs Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0G2

