

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE TRIBUNAL

NQ-2016-002 and GC-2016-001

**GYPSUM BOARD FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IMPORTED INTO CANADA FOR USE
OR CONSUMPTION IN THE PROVINCES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN,
AND MANITOBA, AS WELL AS THE YUKON AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

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**Closing Written Submission
of the Alberta Wall and Ceiling Association**

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RE: Gypsum Board: NQ-2016-002; GC-2016-001

1. This closing argument submission is made by the AWCA (Alberta Wall and Ceiling Association) on behalf of the wall and ceiling industry in Alberta which includes contractors, suppliers and two gypsum manufacturers, CGC (USG) and CTG Canada. Georgia Pacific is not a member.
2. The intent of this written submission is to emphasize arguments made in our November 16, 2016 submission to the CITT; specifically, numbers four (4) through nine (9).
3. Providing the Tribunal with an accurate, true measurement of the impact of the duties, including and not restricted to increased gypsum board prices in the limited time frame of the Tribunal process is a significant challenge.
 - a. Alberta wall and ceiling contractors are entrepreneurs, with business acumen to manage profitable small to large sized businesses, employing about 72,700 Albertans, contributing to the Alberta GDP and, ultimately, helping drive economic recovery in the Province....IF, they successfully navigate the latest threat to their business - that imposed by the tariffs and cost increases.
 - b. Some wall and ceiling contractors employ designated accounting professionals easing the burden of providing timely information to the tribunal; for others it may require a longer time frame. The information to assess the impact, and on whom that impact falls will be able to be measured and conveyed through invoicing, contracts, and accounting processes.
 - c. Fixed-Term contracts may extend months to years. The harm suffered by wall and ceiling contractors facing rigid, unforgiving fixed-term contracts may be temporary; it is however, for the length of the contract, up to years.

Remedies sought

4. AWCA respectfully requests that the Tribunal:
 - a. Establish a relief fund.
 - i. Allow an exclusion and immediate remission for all provisional duties and cost increases caused by the imposition of the tariffs on gypsum board used on all contracts that were in place or secured by a letter of intent prior to September

6, 2016. Further, that all provisional duties and cost increases be refunded to contactors caught by fixed price contracts.

- ii. Allow an exclusion and immediate remission for all provisional duties and cost increases caused by the imposition of the tariffs on gypsum board used on all public infrastructure contracts.
- b. Build in a transition period for any further changes in provisional duties.
- c. Review and build in a transition period for subsequent proceedings before the CSBA and Tribunal process.

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