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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Forest Resources Con-
5 servation and Shortage Relief Amendments Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON EXPORTS OF UNPROCESSED TIM-**
2 **BER FROM STATE AND OTHER PUBLIC**
3 **LANDS.**

4 Section 491 of the Forest Resources Conservation
5 and Shortage Relief Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 620c) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “(e)” and inserting “(g)”;

9 and

10 (B) by striking “in the amounts specified”
11 and inserting “as provided”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by inserting “, notwithstanding
15 any other provision of law,” after “pro-
16 hibit”; and

17 (ii) by striking “not later than 21
18 days after the date of the enactment of
19 this Act” and inserting “, effective June 1,
20 1993”;

21 (B) in paragraph (2)—

22 (i) by striking subparagraph (A) and
23 inserting the following new subparagraph:

24 “(A) The Secretary of Commerce shall
25 issue an order referred to in subsection (a) to
26 prohibit, notwithstanding any other provision of

1 law, the export of unprocessed timber originat-
2 ing from public lands, effective during the pe-
3 riod beginning on June 1, 1993, and ending on
4 December 31, 1995.”;

5 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (B) and
6 (C); and

7 (iii) in subparagraph (D)—

8 (I) by redesignating such sub-
9 paragraph as subparagraph (B); and

10 (II) by striking “total annual
11 sales volume” and inserting “annual
12 sales volume in that State of unproc-
13 essed timber originating from public
14 lands”;

15 (C) in paragraph (3)—

16 (i) by redesignating such paragraph
17 as paragraph (4); and

18 (ii) by striking “States pursuant to
19 this title” and inserting “the Secretary of
20 Commerce pursuant to this title and the
21 effectiveness of State programs authorized
22 under subsection (d)”;

23 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
24 following new paragraph:

25 “(3) PROHIBITION ON SUBSTITUTION.—

1 “(A) PROHIBITION.—Subject to subpara-
2 graph (B), each order of the Secretary of Com-
3 merce under paragraph (1) or (2) shall also
4 prohibit, notwithstanding any other provision of
5 law, any person from purchasing, directly or in-
6 directly, unprocessed timber originating from
7 public lands in a State if—

8 “(i) such unprocessed timber would be
9 used in substitution for exported unproc-
10 essed timber originating from private lands
11 in that State; or

12 “(ii) such person has, during the pre-
13 ceding 24-month period, exported unproc-
14 essed timber originating from private lands
15 in that State.

16 “(B) EXEMPTION.—The prohibitions re-
17 ferred to in subparagraph (A) shall not apply in
18 a State on or after the date on which—

19 “(i) the Governor of that State pro-
20 vides the Secretary of Commerce with noti-
21 fication of a prior program under subpara-
22 graph (C) of subsection (d)(2),

23 “(ii) the Secretary of Commerce ap-
24 proves a program of that State under sub-
25 paragraph (A) of subsection (d)(2), or

1 “(iii) regulations of the Secretary of
2 Commerce issued under subsection (c) to
3 carry out this section take effect,
4 whichever occurs first.”;

5 (3) by redesignating subsections (e) through (j)
6 as subsections (g) through (l), respectively; and

7 (4) by striking subsections (c) and (d) and in-
8 serting the following:

9 “(c) FEDERAL PROGRAM.—

10 “(1) ADMINISTRATION BY THE SECRETARY OF
11 COMMERCE.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
13 graph (B), the Secretary of Commerce shall, as
14 soon as possible after the date of the enactment
15 of the Forest Resources Conservation and
16 Shortage Relief Amendments Act of 1993—

17 “(i) determine the species, grades,
18 and geographic origin of unprocessed tim-
19 ber to be prohibited from export in each
20 State that is subject to an order issued
21 under subsection (a);

22 “(ii) administer the prohibitions con-
23 sistent with this title;

24 “(iii) ensure that the species, grades,
25 and geographic origin of unprocessed tim-

1 ber prohibited from export within each
2 State is representative of the species,
3 grades, and geographic origin of timber
4 comprising the total timber sales program
5 of the State; and

6 “(iv) issue such regulations as are
7 necessary to carry out this section.

8 “(B) EXEMPTION.—The actions and regu-
9 lations of the Secretary under subparagraph
10 (A) shall not apply with respect to a State that
11 is administering and enforcing a program under
12 subsection (d).

13 “(2) COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES.—
14 The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to enter
15 into agreements with Federal and State agencies
16 with appropriate jurisdiction to assist the Secretary
17 in carrying out this title.

18 “(d) AUTHORIZED STATE PROGRAMS.—

19 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF NEW STATE
20 PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding subsection (c), the
21 Governor of any State may submit a program to the
22 Secretary of Commerce for approval that—

23 “(A) implements, with respect to unproc-
24 essed timber originating from public lands in
25 that State, the prohibition on exports set forth

1 in the Secretary's order under subsection (a);
2 and

3 “(B) ensures that the species, grades, and
4 geographic origin of unprocessed timber prohib-
5 ited from export within the State is representa-
6 tive of the species, grades, and geographic ori-
7 gin of timber comprising the total timber sales
8 program of the State.

9 “(2) APPROVAL OF STATE PROGRAMS.—

10 “(A) PROGRAM APPROVAL.—Not later
11 than 30 days after the submission of a program
12 under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Com-
13 merce shall approve the program unless the
14 Secretary finds that the program will result in
15 the export of unprocessed timber from public
16 lands in violation of this title and publishes that
17 finding in the Federal Register.

18 “(B) STATE PROGRAM IN LIEU OF FED-
19 ERAL PROGRAM.—If the Secretary of Commerce
20 approves a program submitted under paragraph
21 (1), the Governor of the State for which the
22 program was submitted, or such other official
23 of that State as the Governor may designate,
24 may administer and enforce the program, which

1 shall apply in that State in lieu of the regula-
2 tions issued under subsection (c).

3 “(C) PRIOR STATE PROGRAMS.—Not later
4 than 30 days after the date of the enactment of
5 the Forest Resources Conservation and Short-
6 age Relief Amendments Act of 1993, the Gov-
7 ernor of any State that had, before May 4,
8 1993, issued regulations under this subsection
9 as in effect before May 4, 1993, may provide
10 the Secretary of Commerce with written notifi-
11 cation that the State has a program that was
12 in effect on May 3, 1993, and that meets the
13 requirements of paragraph (1). Upon such noti-
14 fication, that State may administer and enforce
15 that program in that State until the end of the
16 9-month period beginning on the date on which
17 the Secretary of Commerce issues regulations
18 under subsection (c), and that program shall,
19 during the period in which it is so administered
20 and enforced, apply in that State in lieu of the
21 regulations issued under subsection (c). Such
22 Governor may submit, with such notification,
23 the program for approval by the Secretary
24 under paragraph (1).

1 “(e) PRIOR CONTRACTS.—Nothing in this section
2 shall apply to—

3 “(1) any contract for the purchase of unproc-
4 essed timber originating from public lands that was
5 entered into before—

6 “(A) September 10, 1990, with respect to
7 States with annual sales volumes of
8 400,000,000 board feet or less; or

9 “(B) January 1, 1991, with respect to
10 States with annual sales volumes greater than
11 400,000,000 board feet; or

12 “(2) any contract under which exports of un-
13 processed timber were permitted pursuant to an
14 order of the Secretary of Commerce in effect under
15 this section before October 23, 1992.

16 “(f) WESTERN RED CEDAR.—Nothing in this section
17 shall be construed to supersede section 7(i) of the Export
18 Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2406(i)).”.

19 **SEC. 3. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT.**

20 (a) MONITORING.—Section 492(a) of the Forest Re-
21 sources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990 (16
22 U.S.C. 620d(a)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
24 end of the paragraph;

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
2 the end of the paragraph and inserting a semicolon;
3 and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraphs:

6 “(3) each person who acquires, either directly
7 or indirectly, unprocessed timber originating from
8 public lands in a State that is subject to an order
9 issued by the Secretary of Commerce under section
10 491(a), other than a State that is administering and
11 enforcing a program under section 491(d), shall re-
12 port the receipt and disposition of the timber to the
13 Secretary of Commerce, in such form as the Sec-
14 retary may by rule prescribe, except that nothing in
15 this paragraph shall be construed to hold any person
16 responsible for reporting the disposition of any tim-
17 ber held by subsequent persons; and

18 “(4) each person who transfers to another per-
19 son unprocessed timber originating from public
20 lands in a State that is subject to an order issued
21 by the Secretary of Commerce under section 491(a),
22 other than a State that is administering and enforc-
23 ing a program under section 491(d), shall, before
24 completing the transfer—

1 “(A) provide to such other person a writ-
2 ten notice, in such form as the Secretary of
3 Commerce may prescribe, that shall identify the
4 public lands from which the timber originated;
5 and

6 “(B) receive from such other person—

7 “(i) a written acknowledgment of the
8 notice, and

9 “(ii) a written agreement that the re-
10 cipient of the timber will comply with the
11 requirements of this title,

12 in such form as the Secretary of Commerce
13 may prescribe; and

14 “(C) provide to the Secretary of Commerce
15 copies of all notices, acknowledgments, and
16 agreements referred to in subparagraphs (A)
17 and (B).”.

18 (b) CIVIL PENALTIES.—Section 492(c) of the Forest
19 Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990
20 is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1)—

22 (A) by inserting “(A)” before “If the Sec-
23 retary”; and

24 (B) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(B)(i) Subject to clause (ii), if the Secretary of
2 Commerce finds, on the record and after an oppor-
3 tunity for a hearing, that a person, with willful dis-
4 regard for the restrictions contained in an order of
5 the Secretary under section 491(a) on exports of un-
6 processed timber from public lands, exported or
7 caused to be exported unprocessed timber originat-
8 ing from public lands in violation of such order, the
9 Secretary may assess against such person a civil
10 penalty of not more than \$500,000 for each viola-
11 tion, or 3 times the gross value of the unprocessed
12 timber involved in the violation, whichever amount is
13 greater.

14 “(ii) Clause (i) shall not apply with respect to
15 exports of unprocessed timber originating from pub-
16 lic lands in a State that is administering and enforc-
17 ing a program under section 491(d).”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (2)—

19 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A),
20 (B), and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), re-
21 spectively;

22 (B) by inserting “(A)” before “If the Sec-
23 retary”; and

24 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(B)(i) Subject to clause (ii), if the Secretary of
2 Commerce finds, on the record and after an oppor-
3 tunity for a hearing, that a person has violated, on
4 or after June 1, 1993, any provision of this title or
5 any regulation issued under this title relating to the
6 export of unprocessed timber originating from public
7 lands (whether or not the violation caused the export
8 of unprocessed timber from public lands in violation
9 of this title), the Secretary may assess against such
10 person a civil penalty to the same extent as the Sec-
11 retary concerned may impose a penalty under clause
12 (i), (ii), or (iii) of subparagraph (A).

13 “(ii) Clause (i) shall not apply with respect to
14 unprocessed timber originating from public lands in
15 a State that is administering and enforcing a pro-
16 gram under section 491(d).”.

17 **SEC. 4. SEVERABILITY.**

18 If any provision of this Act or the amendments made
19 by this Act, or the application thereof to any person or
20 circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act and
21 such amendments and the application of such provision

1 to other persons not similarly situated or to other cir-
2 cumstances shall not be affected by such invalidation.

Passed the House of Representatives June 14, 1993.

Attest:

Clerk.