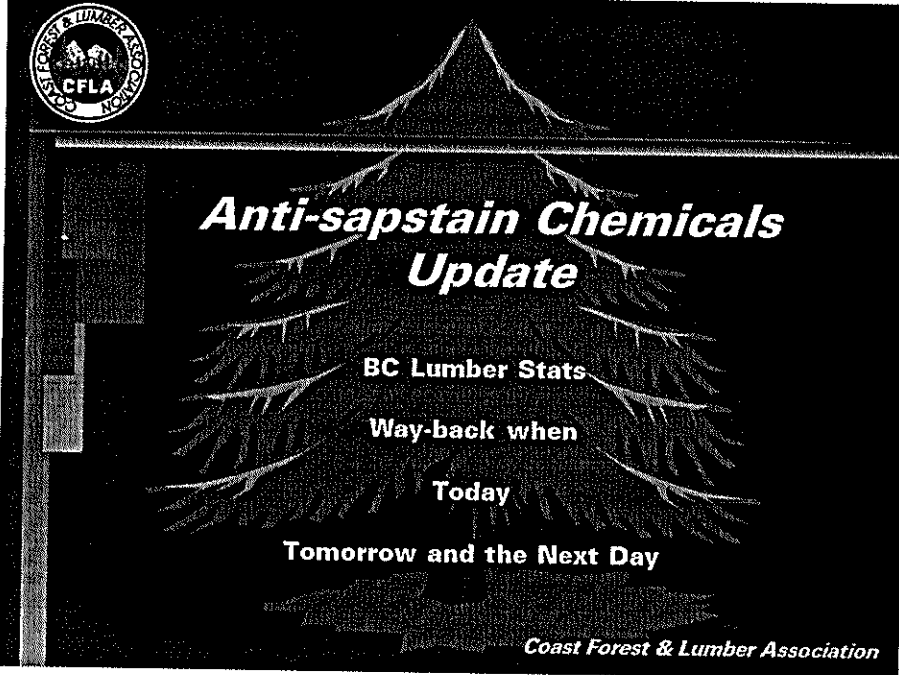



UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF ANTI-SAPSTAIN TREATMENTS

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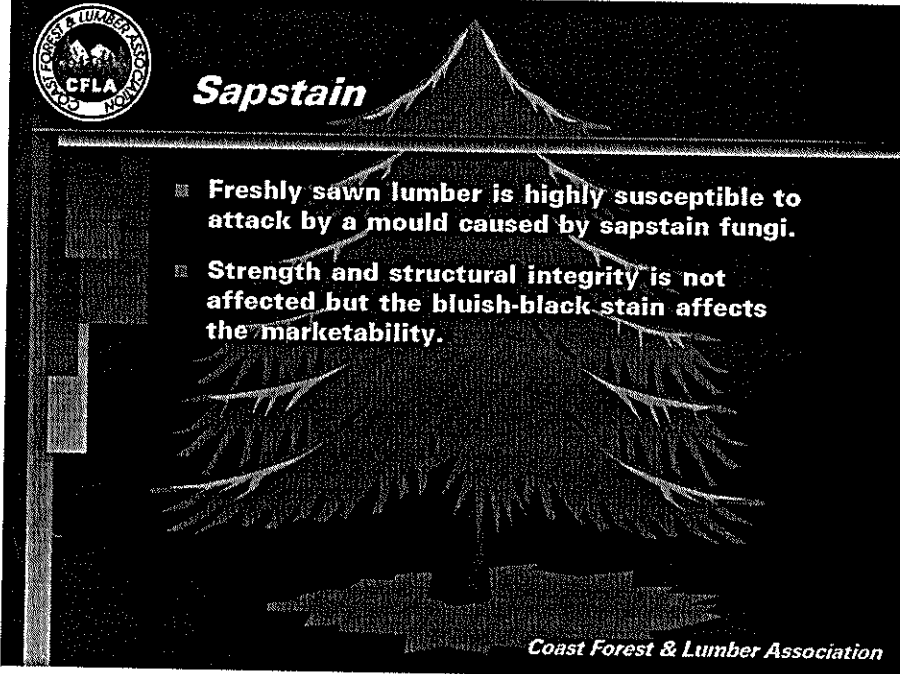

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Anti-sapstain Chemicals Update

BC Lumber Stats
Way-back when
Today
Tomorrow and the Next Day

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Sapstain

- Freshly sawn lumber is highly susceptible to attack by a mould caused by sapstain fungi.
- Strength and structural integrity is not affected but the bluish-black stain affects the marketability.

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Provincial Harvest

1994 - 75.6 million m³

50.4
million m³

25.2 million m³

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Provincial Softwood Lumber Production

1994 - 14.3 billion fbm

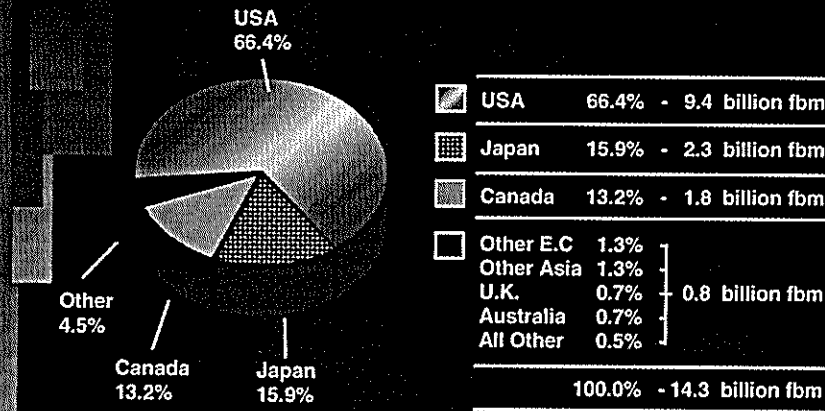
10.6
billion
fbm

3.7 billion fbm

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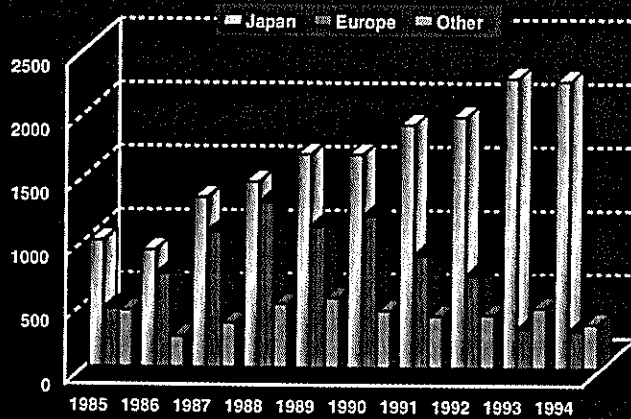
1994 BC Lumber Shipments By Markets



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BC Lumber Overseas Exports By Market

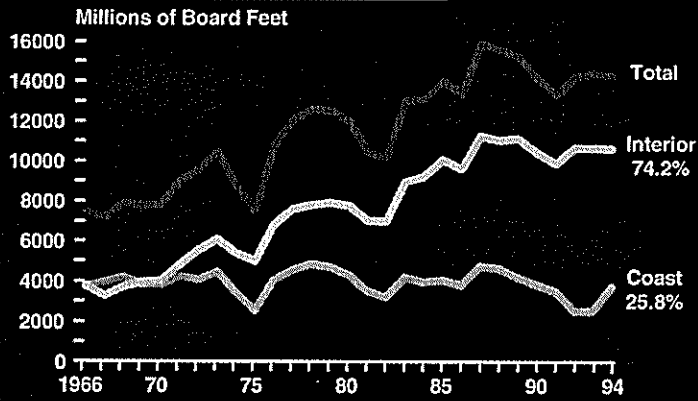


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BC. Lumber Production by Region 1966 - 1994

1994 Total: 14.3 Billion Board Feet

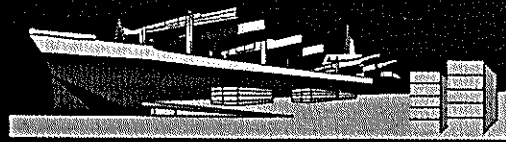


Source: Statistics Canada

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BC. Softwood Lumber Exports Offshore



Water 2.9 Billion Board Feet

Sources: Statistics Canada and COFI

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Way Back When 1940s to 1980s

- Chlorophenate mixtures - sodium tetrachlorophenate and pentachlorophenol
- Effective control - 100%
- Cost-effective

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Way Back When mid '70s

- Controversy over chlorophenates
- Worker exposure - health effects
- Environmental impacts - persistence and dioxin contaminants

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Transition the 1980s

- Voluntary move from chlorophenates to a new generation of chemicals
- TCMTB, Copper 8, Borax + Sodium Carbonate
- Increasing complaints from workers
- Increasing understanding of lack of adequate health & environmental risk data

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BC Stakeholders' Forum '89

- August '89 - TCMTB spill into the Fraser
- Labour, Environmental groups and Industry divisions
- September - Ag Canada Discussion Paper release
- November '89 - 1st meeting of the BC Stakeholders' Forum

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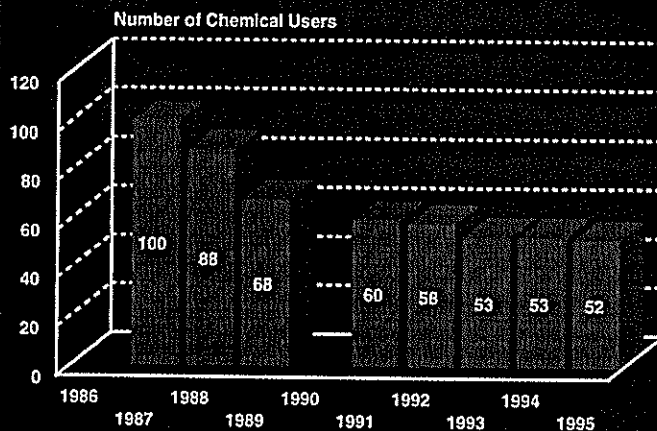
Stakeholders' Forum '89 & '90

- Provincial ministries, Federal ministries, Unions, Industry, Environmental NGOs
- Neutral chair - Bill Leiss
- Recommendation to cancel PCP registration
- New generation of chemicals agreed to including DDAC, IPBC and Azaconazole
- Agreement towards health-monitoring process and temporary registrations

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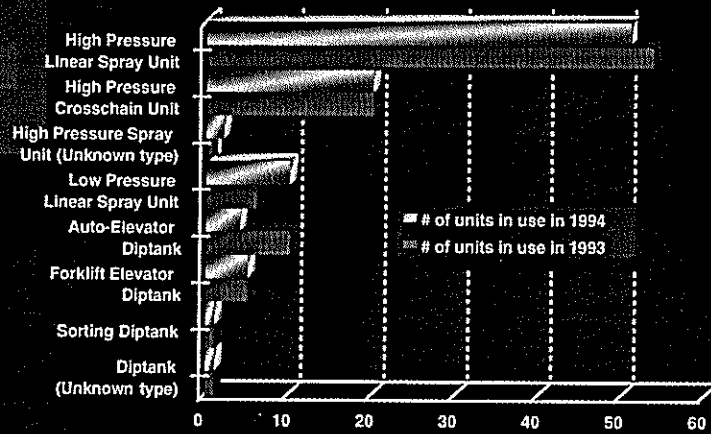
Number of Mills Using Anti-Sapstain Chemicals



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Anti-Sapstain Chemical Application Units In Use

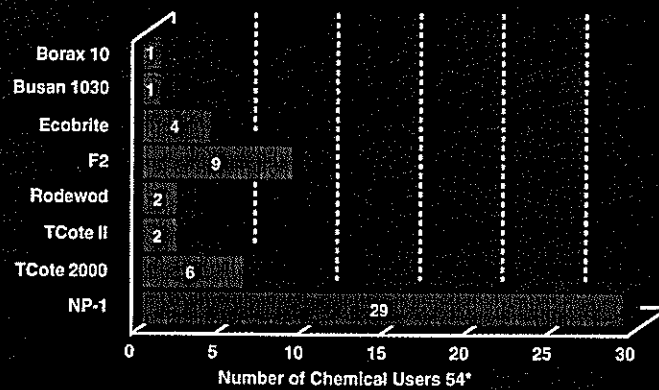


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1994 Environment Canada Survey

Anti-sapstain Chemical Formulation



* Two mills use 2 different chemicals.
There are 52 different mills using anti-sapstain chemicals

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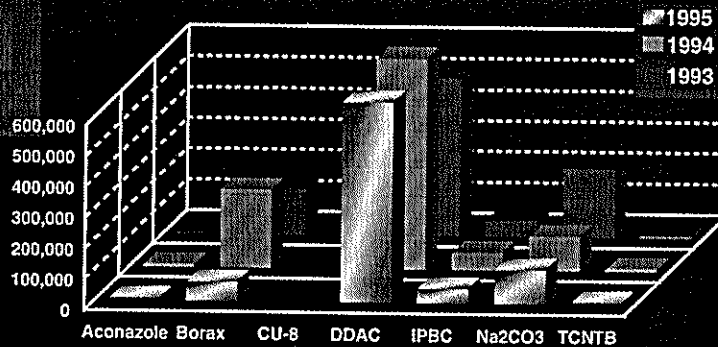
Quantity of Anti-Sapstain Chemical Formulation Used in BC in 1994

EPD Region ¹	# of Mills using Chemicals	Quantity of Anti-Sapstain Chemical Formulation Used (kg)								Total
		Borax 10 MOL	Busan 1030	Ecobrite	F2	NP-1	Rodowod 200 EC	Timber cote II	Timber cote 2000	
Active Ingredient		100% Disodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	30% TCMTB	4% Disodium Tetraborate Decahydrate 20% Na ₂ CO ₃	16.8% Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate 11.4 % DDAC	65% DDAC 7.7% IPBC	20% Azacon-azole	20% DDAC	28% DDAC	
Density (Kg/L)		1.73	1.08	1.24	1.075	0.9314	1.1	0.971	0.971	
Vanisle	22	0	756	0	272,100	330,250	0	29,621	115,340	748,070
LwrMain	20	47,700	0	0	432,030	207,920	18,250	0	48,956	754,870
Skeena	6	0	0	453,920	10,274	0	4,500	0	100,950	569,640
SouthIn	3	0	0	68,130	0	0	0	0	0	72,388
North In	1	0	0	26,680	0	0	0	0	0	26,680
Kootenay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NintSub	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SintSub	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	52	47,709	756	548,730	714,400	538,580	22,760	29,621	269,100	2,171,600

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Quantity of Anti-Sapstain Active Ingredients Used in BC



Borax is the total Disodium Tetraborate Decahydrate and Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate used.

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***Yesterday is History,
Tomorrow is the Future,
Today ...
Well, Today is getting
From One to the Other***

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Today - Health Monitoring Study

- **Joint sub-committee consultation**
- **Worker exposure assessment study in the final stages of design**
- **Next step - field testing and data collection**
- **Afterwards - Health Canada to determine risk assessment and long term Health data**

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Today - Stormwater Discharge

- Sept. '94 - MELP proposal to amend anti-sapstain chemical discharge regs
- Consultative process has resulted in MELP formulating a technical review of anti-sapstain chemical toxicology
- Funding partners - MELP, industry, chemical companies

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Tomorrow - the future

- Registration of safe, environmentally acceptable anti-sapstain chemicals
- Registration process for new products
- Provincial Regulatory limits that are current and bought into by all

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Tomorrow - Industry Future

- The amount of anti-sapstain chemical utilized will be proportional to the amount of wood harvested and lumber produced in BC Sawmills
- Cumulative impacts on timber supply will come from:
 - timber supply reviews
 - forest practices code
 - protected areas designation
 - land use plans and zonation

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Tomorrow - AAC Impacts

- Timber Supply Reviews
 - Short term reduction provincially = 6%
 - Long term reduction provincially = 25%
 - Coastal impacts will be higher
 - Really Noticeable in 1997 and 1998

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Tomorrow - AAC Impacts

Forest Practices Code

- Will reduce AAC by 6% conservatively

Coast impacts will be higher

Delivered wood costs will increase

Will be noticeable in 1996 by
constraining wood supply access

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Tomorrow - AAC Impacts

Protected Areas Strategy

- Doubling of BC parks to 12% by year 2000

Currently at 10.2%

Working forest reductions - higher yield potential areas

Will reduce AAC by 7% conservatively

Impact will be really noticeable in 1997 and 1998

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Tomorrow - AAC Impacts

Land Use Plans and Zonation

- **Clayoquot Sound**
- **CORE - Vancouver Island**
- **CORE - Kootenays**
- **CORE - Williams Lake**

AAC Reductions and Constraints

Noticeable now, more so in 1996 and 1997

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Future - Lumber Trends

- **Production decline proportional to AAC**
- **Increasing trend in overseas markets to Kiln-dry products**
- **Increasing trend in overseas markets to engineered lumber products**
- **Green wood will still get black in 10 days - will still need anti-sapstain chemicals**

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Forest Industry Vision for Future

- **Worker Exposure Study Support**
- **Federal Regulatory Process Support**
- **Technical Review - MELP SDR process**
- **Research by Institutions and Chemical Companies needed and must continue**
- **New chemicals in the marketplace may be part of the future answers**

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Technology Future

- **Improved technological applications**
- **Mixed active formulations may broaden effectiveness and reduce chemical used**
- **Biological controls**
- **Non-pesticidal interference of sapstain growth mechanisms**
- **Sawmill physical environment changes**

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