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Dear Value-add Wood Coalition:

As you are aware the Category 4 – Value-added Program (Category 4) has been implemented and we are currently in a transition period from Category 2 to Category 4.

During this transition, Category 2 registrants will continue to be eligible to bid on timber sale licences (TSLs) as TSLs will be dually advertised as Category 2/Category 4. It is important to note, these TSLs contain the new Category 4 performance obligation. For more information on the performance obligation, please see the attached, Advisory Bulletin No. 2024-02-27 – Category 4 TSLs Administering and Enforcing the Performance Obligation.

The transition period ends on December 31, 2024, at which time, Category 2 will cease to exist and persons or corporations who were registered in Category 2 will no longer be eligible to acquire new TSLs as Category 2 registrants.

As such, please remind your members to apply to register in Category 4 as soon as possible. I encourage them to apply early so there is no interruption with their ability to apply for and acquire TSLs once the transition period has ended.

Registrants should cancel their Category 2 registration at the same time as applying to Category 4. Prior to the transition period ending on December 31, 2024, if a registrant requests to cancel their Category 2 registration when they apply to Category 4, their performance history will be carried through into their new registration. Therefore, the current deposit level of the registrant will remain the same in the new category.

The application for registration in Category 4 has a fillable checkbox where the registrant may indicate whether they would like to cancel any other registration as a BCTS enterprise. The application is available at: [BC Timber Sales - Category 4 - Value-added - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/bc-timber-sales).

Registrants will not be eligible to have their previous performance history carried forward when registering into a new category after December 31, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Lee, Value-add Manager by email at [Susan.Lee2@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Susan.Lee2@gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AP', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Executive Director

**Attachment:** Advisory Bulletin No. 2024-02-27 – Category 4 TSLs Administering & Enforcing the Performance Obligation