



Canadian Pork Council Fully Satisfied with Trade Commission's Ruling: "A welcome day for our industry"

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(Ottawa, ON) – The Canadian pork industry is fully satisfied with a vote earlier today by the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that found that exports of live hogs to the U.S. do not injure the American swine sector.

Canadian Pork Council President Clare Schlegel is vindicated by the ITC ruling. "This is a welcome day for our industry. We are extremely pleased with the ITC's finding. We have repeatedly rejected the NPPC's allegations that we are hurting the U.S. industry. Canadian hogs travelling south for finishing and processing only contribute to the success of our integrated North American industry."

On March 5, 2004 the U.S. National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) launched petitions against the Canadian hog industry, arguing that hog imports from Canada were both subsidized and sold below fair market value.

In August 2004, and again in March 2005, the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) found that Canadian hog producers do not receive countervailable subsidies.

Today's vote also means that final dumping margins established by the DOC in March will now be nullified. As a result, producers and exporters will be reimbursed for deposits required to sell their hogs in the U.S. since the DOC's preliminary dumping ruling in October 2004. The ITC will release a document outlining its rationale for today's decision later this month.

Mr. Schlegel now looks forward to finding concrete ways to work with American producers to take advantage of the integrated North American market, rather than fighting each other with trade cases.

"We are very happy to finally have this decision behind us. This has been a long and costly process, and has taken time and energy away from other important industry issues," he adds. "Now we can get back to the business of farming."

The Canadian Pork Council is the national association representing the interests of Canada's hog producers.

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