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China removes ban against Canadian Pork

Ottawa, ON [December 4, 2009] – China has lifted a ban against Canadian pork. The ban was imposed earlier this year due to concerns over H1N1. The Chinese market is important to Canada's pork and live swine exporters, with sales to China estimated at upwards of \$50 million annually.

"This news is welcomed by Canada's pork producers," says Jurgen Preugschas, Chair of the Canadian Pork Council. "The federal government has worked tirelessly to reopen this important market for our products. The lifting of the ban is a first step in the resumption of regular trade with China."

The development comes after many high-level interventions from Canadian government officials and covers Canadian pork and pork products from Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta.

Bans on imports of pork and swine from countries with human or animal cases of H1N1 do not comply with international standards. The World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Organization for Animal Health all agree no additional trade restrictions should be imposed on pork that has passed veterinary inspection. Influenza is not a food-borne illness and does not affect pork safety.

The Canadian Pork Council serves as the national voice for hog producers in Canada. A federation of nine provincial pork industry associations, our organization's purpose is to play a leadership role in achieving and maintaining a dynamic and prosperous Canadian pork sector.

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