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U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DECISION ON SUBSIDIES
AFFECTING CANADIAN LIVE SWINE AND FRESH,
CHILLED OR FROZEN PORK

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, expressed concern today over a U.S. Commerce Department final determination which could result in the imposition of countervailing duties on Canadian imports of live swine and pork.

On June 11 the Commerce Department announced its decision that federal and provincial stabilization payments, as well as certain other government programs, provide subsidies in the amount of 2.6 cents (Cdn.) per pound to Canadian exports of live swine and 3.27 cents (Cdn.) per pound to exports of pork. In addition, a new bonding rate which reflects the most recent data on payments made, has been set at 4.4 cents (Cdn.) per pound on live swine and 5.5 cents (Cdn.) per pound on pork.

Minister Kelleher said: "I am disappointed that the U.S. Commerce Department has made such a finding in respect of our price stabilization programs. The intent of the programs is to provide a degree of income security for farmers without distorting the marketplace.

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