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9	<b>Canada Beef Export Federation</b> Mr. Ted J. Haney President Calgary AB	23 Jan. 2001	Association/ Beef exporters	For	<p><i>(Tariff elimination, trade facilitation, MFN, SPS, origin, precautionary approach)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beef related issues that CBEF would support:</li> <li>- Zero tariff rates and no quotas or TRQ's on all products of bovine origin imported by partner nations.</li> <li>- National inspection authorities to allow imports of all products of bovine origin from all CFIA inspected beef processing plants. This "system wide" approval method to replace current "establishment by establishment" method.</li> <li>- Commitment from CA4 that Canada will automatically receive any preferred market access granted to other supplying nations or regions.</li> <li>- Commitment from CA4 that their SPS, labelling and animal health standards are consistent with internationally recognized standards and will not be used as NTBs.</li> <li>- Cautions in opening access to either live or processed bovine products from the CA4. CFIA must be assured that imports pose no animal health or food safety risk to the industry.</li> </ul>
10	<b>Canada Pork International</b> Mr. Jacques Pomerleau Executive Director Ottawa ON	17 Jan. 2001	Association/ Pork	For	<p><i>(Market Access)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recently gained access to Honduras and Nicaragua and is negotiating veterinary protocol with Guatemala (also planned with El Salvador).</li> <li>- CentAm could become significant market for CDN pork (foresee selling more than 10K tonnes to the region as economic conditions improve).</li> </ul>
11	<b>Canadian Labour Congress</b> Mr. Kenneth V. Georgetti President Ottawa ON	01 Feb. 2001	Labour	N/A	<p><i>(Consultations, social issues, investment)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frustrated with the lack of feedback from the Department and with the consultations process as it now functions.</li> <li>- Before presenting its views the CLC requested information on safeguards for fundamental rights and principles and human rights; how an FTA would encourage the CA4 to guarantee the right of workers to form and join unions; the protection of health, safety and well-being of citizens as well the environment; alleviation of poverty; rights granted to foreign investors; elimination of NTBs; foreign debts and sustainable development.</li> </ul>