What the Agreement on SPS does not provide for is the imposition, when these do not affect product safety, of one country's process and production method regulations on other countries. The extraterritorial application of such measures would be inconsistent with the right of countries to choose their own levels of sanitary and phytosanitary protection.

Conclusions

The new Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures fully protects the right of Canadians to choose the levels of sanitary and phytosanitary protection that are most appropriate for Canada. Although the Agreement on SPS does not prevent other countries from initiating a challenge against the sanitary and phytosanitary measures that Canada adopts to achieve its selected levels of protection, it clearly states that Canada retains the right to adopt and apply whatever measures are necessary to achieve the levels of protection that it has selected.