

The Canadian Embassy presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honour to refer to the Presidential Proclamation of November 16, 1974 imposing a temporary quantitative limitation on imports into the United States of certain cattle, beef, swine and pork from Canada.

The Canadian Government cannot accept as correct the views of the United States Government with respect to the import control measures introduced by Canada on August 12, 1974.

The Canadian Government considers these measures in full accordance with its trade agreement rights and obligations and recalls the attention of the United States Government to the notifications by Canada to the contracting parties of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in this respect.

The Canadian Government considers the restrictions which have been taken by the United States against Canadian trade as a violation of United States trade agreement obligations to Canada. The Canadian Government further considers that the scope and intensity of the United States restrictions go far beyond what in any case could be considered reasonable, taking into account the special circumstances affecting international trade in cattle, beef and veal and the basis on which Canada continues to accord access for these products into the Canadian market.

Without prejudice to Canada's rights under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Canadian Government hereby requests bilateral consultations with the United States at an early date under the terms of Article XXII(1) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade with respect to the measures proclaimed on November 16, 1974.

The Canadian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, November 19, 1974