

## BSE

Following Canada's announcement of its first bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) case in Alberta on May 20, 2003, most of our trading partners banned imports of Canadian cattle, beef and related products. Since then, Canada has been working with these trading partners toward a resumption of trade based on science and standards established by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). The OIE is the relevant standards-setting organization for animal health referenced in the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

At its May 2005 meeting in Paris, the OIE announced new guidelines for BSE that reflect the most current internationally accepted scientific information on the disease. As part of the new guidelines, boneless beef from animals under 30 months of age is now included in the OIE list of commodities that should be eligible for safe trade, whether or not the exporting country has confirmed cases of BSE. Moreover, science-based standards have been elaborated for safe trade in other commodities including bone-in beef and beef from animals over 30 months, as well as live cattle, with additional certification guarantees as to the effectiveness of control measures in place; Canada is able to meet these standards.

The following markets have resumed full or partial trade with Canada:

Market	Access provided for Canadian beef and cattle
Algeria	Live cattle for breeding
Antigua	Beef from animals under 30 months
Bahrain	All beef
Barbados	All beef and live cattle for breeding
Bermuda	All beef
Cayman Islands	Beef from animals under 30 months
Cuba	All beef and all cattle
Egypt	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months Live cattle 24 months and less for breeding
El Salvador	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months
Guatemala	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months
Honduras	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months
Hong Kong	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months
Jamaica	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months
Japan	Beef from animals 20 months and under
Kazakhstan	Live cattle for breeding
Lebanon	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months Live cattle
Macau	All beef
Macedonia	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months
Mexico	Beef from animals under 30 months
Morocco	Live cattle for breeding
New Zealand	All beef
Philippines	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months
Thailand	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months
Trinidad and Tobago	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months
Tunisia	Live cattle
Ukraine	Live cattle for breeding
United Arab Emirates	Beef from animals under 30 months
United States	Cattle under 30 months for slaughter Beef from animals under 30 months
Vietnam	Boneless beef from animals under 30 months