

"The government remains committed to supply management, which has benefitted many agricultural sectors," said the Agriculture Minister. "The dairy sector is an important segment of Canadian agriculture. The previous actions of the government have underlined its policy to ensure the continued viability and prosperity of the agricultural industry."

Canada added ice cream and yoghurt to the Import Control List on January 28, 1988 in support of the national supply management programme for industrial milk. The United States requested formation of a GATT Panel in December 1988 to examine the GATT consistency of Canada's action.

The Panel report has yet to be circulated to other GATT members. Under GATT procedures, Panel reports are considered by the GATT Council. The first opportunity the Council would have to consider the report will be at its meeting of October 11.

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