

quotas be allocated to processors on the basis of their presence in the market as measured by market share. The CITT considered that companies facing unrestrained imports of chicken- or turkey-containing processed products should be given priority access to the relevant quota. The CITT did not recommend changes to the current method of allocating broiler hatching eggs and chicks quotas.

Mr. Wilson said that the government would take the CITT report into account in its examination of how to make quota allocation methods fairer, more open and more efficient. "The Tribunal's recommendations are a very important contribution, and we will give them careful consideration," the Minister said. "They are based on extensive study and on widespread testimony from all sides in the debate."

The Minister noted, however, that the study presented only advice to the government, and that the final decision on whether, how, and over what time period to effect any changes would have to take into account a broad range of considerations. "All interested parties will be given ample time to make their views known," Mr. Wilson said.

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