

Canada-EU Veterinary Agreement

Canada and the EU signed a framework trade agreement at the December 1998 Canada-EU Summit covering two-way trade in animals, animal products, fish and fish products which provides for future mutual recognition of sanitary measures.

This agreement allows recognition of equivalent sanitary measures for these products while maintaining high levels of protection of human and animal health. It will facilitate trade, and is supportive of the general objectives of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement.

Agreement on Competition Policy and Law

The agreement, signed in June 1999, establishes a cooperation system between the authorities responsible for competition law enforcement (the Competition Bureau and the European Commission). The purpose is to increase the effectiveness of enforcement by both authorities, and to reduce the risk of reaching conflicting or incompatible decisions in individual cases. The two will coordinate their enforcement activities with regards to monopolies, cartels and other illegal activities by multinational corporations. The agreement provides for reciprocal notification of cases which may affect the other party and for the exchange of information. Either Canada or the EU may request enforcement action to be taken against anti-competitive behaviour which is harming its industry or consumers, but which is taking place in the other's territory.