

Canola

Issue: Canada is concerned about Korea's high tariff rate on canola seed and products relative to substitutes.

Status: As a priority, Canada seeks tariff treatment for canola seed, oil and meal equal to that extended to soybean products. The Korean government indicated its current position that the tariff rate on canola seed and meal in particular will be applied in accordance with its UR country schedule.

Pork

Issue: The liberalization of Korea's trade regime for both fresh and chilled pork at a faster rate than for frozen pork.

Status: Canada seeks an acceleration of the liberalization date for frozen products to the same as for fresh and chilled pork. The Korean government indicated its current position that frozen pork will be liberalized in accordance with its UR country schedule.

Fish

Issue: Canada wants increased access to the Korean market for a number of fish products.

Status: Canada has requested the elimination of import licensing barriers for fish products of priority interest.

Pinewood Nematodes

Issue: Korea has restricted the importation of Canadian lumber on the basis of concerns regarding pinewood nematode.

Status: The Korean government is currently reviewing the scientific material supplied by the Canadian side with regard to the kiln dried (KD) process. The Canadian government requests that the Korean NPQS inspect Canadian KD facilities to allow for lumber shipments to commence as soon as possible.