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## MINISTERS WILSON AND McKNIGHT WELCOME RULING BY AUSTRALIA ON IMPORTS OF CANADIAN PORK

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, and the Honourable Bill McKnight, Minister of Agriculture, today welcomed a preliminary finding by Australia that there were insufficient grounds to impose any dumping or countervailing duties on imports of frozen pork from Canada.

The Australian industry had alleged that the imports were being unfairly subsidized and dumped into the country at below-market prices. The report released today by the Australian Customs Service found that there was no basis for these charges. The Australian industry has 30 days to appeal the decision.

"We are pleased by this decision, which reinforces our view that Canadian pork imports posed no threat to the Australian market," said Minister Wilson. "Canada will continue to defend its exporters against such unsubstantiated charges of unfair trading."

Minister McKnight added, "Australia allows pork to be imported only from New Zealand and Canada. With the provinces and industry, we fought hard to gain that market access. I am glad that today's decision will help us preserve it. Should the Australian industry appeal the decision, we will continue to defend the interests of our industry."

Canada began exporting pork to Australia in 1990. Exports in 1991 were valued at \$6.3 million.

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