

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ("Canada")

and

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (the "Community")

hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties":

ACKNOWLEDGING that their systems of sanitary measures are intended to provide comparable health assurances;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to their rights and obligations under the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation (the "WTO Agreement"), and its Annexes, in particular the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (the "SPS Agreement");

DESIRING to facilitate trade in live animals and animal products between the Community and Canada while safeguarding animal and public health in relation to the wholesomeness of food products;

RESOLVING to take the fullest account of the risk of spread of animal infection and disease and the measures put in place to control and eradicate such infections and diseases, and in particular to avoid disruptions to trade,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS: