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U.S. ISSUES PRELIMINARY RULING ON SWINE IMPORTS FROM CANADA

The Honourable Tom Hockin, Minister for International Trade, today welcomed the fact that the U.S. Department of Commerce, after considerable delay, finally issued its preliminary determination on the sixth administrative review of live swine.

If confirmed, this decision would lower the countervailing duty rate on hogs from Canada for the period April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1991. The current rate of 9.27 cents per pound would be reduced to 1.31 cents for all live swine.

"The Canadian government will continue to press for an early final determination that would lower deposits required at the border and provide refunds with interest to hog producers for duties overpaid," Mr. Hockin said.

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