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MINISTERS APPLAUD AUSTRALIAN DECISION ON CANADIAN PORK

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, and the Honourable Charles Mayer, Minister of Agriculture, today applauded a decision by the Australian Anti-Dumping Authority (ADA) that will keep the Australian market open to imports of Canadian pork.

The decision upholds a November 26, 1992, ruling by the Australian Customs Service, which rejected Australian pork producers' claims that Canadian imports were unfairly subsidized and dumped in their country at below market price, thereby injuring their industry. The Australian industry appealed the November 26 decision to the ADA, which presented its decision today.

"We are naturally very pleased with the results," said Minister Wilson. "It confirms our view that the allegations of the Australian industry had no basis in fact. Canadian pork exports are not subsidized and pose no threat to the Australian pork industry. We look forward to continuing our mutually beneficial trading relationship with Australia."

Minister Mayer added, "This is a victory for pork producers in Canada. Australia accepts pork imports only from New Zealand and Canada. It is a market that we fought hard to win and one that we intend to keep."

From January 1, 1992, to October 31, 1992, Canadian pork shipments to Australia were valued at \$5.3 million.

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