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IMPORT CONTROLS ESTABLISHED FOR
BROILER HATCHING EGGS AND CHICKS

Broiler hatching eggs and chicks will be placed on the Canada's Import Control List effective Monday, May 8, 1989, International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie and Agriculture Minister Don Mazankowski announced today.

Import controls already exist on chicken, turkey, eggs and related products, in support of the national supply management systems established by Canada under the Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act.

"This action is important to the Canadian broiler hatching egg and chick supply management program," Mr. Mazankowski said.

Mr. Crosbie added, "This measure is consistent with our rights and obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and the undertaking made recently in Geneva on the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations."

Article XI of the GATT makes provision for countries to restrict certain agricultural product imports in support of domestic supply management programs, provided that the level of imports is maintained relative to domestic production.

Mr. Crosbie added that, under Article 710 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, Canada has retained its rights under GATT Article XI.

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The government has taken steps to inform Canada's trading partners of the changes to the Import Control List. The domestic industry will be provided with administrative details of the new controls, including the level of import quotas, in the near future.

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