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UNDER THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie announced today the appointment of two Canadian panelists on a five-member panel established under Chapter 19 of the Free Trade Agreement. The panel has been established to review the U.S. Department of Commerce's July 18th final determination of subsidy in the countervail action against imports of Canadian fresh, chilled or frozen pork.

A. de Lotbinière Panet and Margaret Prentis will serve as Canadian panelists in this matter. The United States panelists will be Mark Joelson, Joel Davidow and Dennis James, Jr. The panel will convene shortly to select its chairperson.

Under Chapter 19 of the Free Trade Agreement, judicial review of final determinations by domestic courts in countervailing and anti-dumping duty cases is replaced, at the request of an interested party, by a review by five-member panels comprised of Canadians and Americans. Each country chooses two and the fifth is chosen by lot. Prior to the Free Trade Agreement, this case could have been reviewed judicially by a United States domestic court. Findings of the panel are binding on both governments. The panel is to make its decision within 315 days of the request for panel review.

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FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN PORK

Canadian Panelists

A. de Lotbinière Panet Partner with the legal firm of Perley-

Robertson, Panet, Hill and McDougall of

Ottawa, Ontario

Margaret Prentis Former member of the Canadian Import Tribunal

(Ottawa, Ontario).

United States Panelists

Joel Davidow Partner with the legal firm of Dickstein,

Shapiro and Morin of Washington, D.C.

Dennis James, Jr. Partner of the legal firm of Kaplan, Russin

and Vecchi of Washington, D.C.

Mark Joelson Partner of the legal firm of Morgan, Lewis

and Bockius of Washington, D.C.