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UNITED STATES - TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN LIVESTOCK ITEMS FROM CANADA

The following communication, dated 21 November 1974, has been received from the United States Mission.

On 16 November 1974 the Government of the United States of America announced that temporary restrictions were being placed on the importation of certain livestock items from Canada. In accordance with Section 252 (a) of the Trade Expansion Act, these temporary restrictions were enacted in order to bring about the removal of unjustifiable Canadian restrictions on the importation into Canada of cattle, beef and veal from the United States and to provide access for United States cattle and meat to the markets of Canada on an equitable basis.

The temporary United States restrictions, to be made effective on the date of publication of the Presidential Proclamation in the Federal Register, will restrict the entry from Canada into the United States of the following items to the following annual amounts:

Live cattle, except for cows imported especially for dairy purposes	17,000 head
Swine	50,000 head
Beef and veal, fresh, chilled, frozen prepared or preserved	17,000,000 pounds
Pork, fresh, chilled, frozen, prepared or preserved	36,000,000 pounds

The temporary annual quotas will cover the period 12 August 1974 through 11 August 1975 and successive twelve-month periods as required.

This action is in response to the Canadian quotas on cattle, beef and veal originally notified to the GATT on 12 August 1974, and subsequently notified in September as having been taken under Article XIX¹. Having failed to reach agreement with Canada on modification or removal of this action, the United States is imposing temporary restrictions which have the effect of suspending concessions under the General Agreement with respect to Canada, which are substantially equivalent to those suspended by Canada with respect to the United States.

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