

International Bovine Meat Agreement

Done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994

Entry into force: 1 January 1995²⁹⁷

Termination: 31 December 1997²⁹⁸

Text: GATT Publication VI-1994

UN Registration: 1 November 1995, [A-31874](#), No. 41937

UNTS: [1895 UNTS 249](#)

Relevant clauses

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Article VI

1. *Acceptance*

(a) This Agreement is open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by any State or separate customs territory possessing full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for in the Agreement Establishing the WTO ... and by the European Communities.

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2. *Entry into force*

This Agreement shall enter into force for those Parties having accepted it, on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement. For Parties accepting this Agreement after that date, it shall be effective from the date of their acceptance.

²⁹⁷ See [WT/Let/4](#).

²⁹⁸ On 30 September 1997, the International Meat Council decided, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 6 of the Agreement, to terminate the Agreement on 31 December 1997 ([IMA/8](#)). On 10 December 1997, the General Council decided to delete the Agreement from Annex 4 of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization ([WT/L/252](#)).

3. *Validity*

This Agreement shall remain in force for three years. The duration of this Agreement shall be extended for further periods of three years at a time, unless the Council, at least eighty days prior to each date of expiry, decides otherwise.

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7. *Deposit*

... This Agreement, and any amendments thereto, shall, upon the entry into force of the WTO Agreement, be deposited with the Director-General of the WTO.

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Acceptances

	<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Argentina (Signature subject to ratification).....	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification.....	29 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Australia.....	19 May 1995	19 May 1995	WT/Let/18
Austria (Signature subject to ratification).....	15 Apr 1994		
Brazil	15 Apr 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Bulgaria (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification.....	14 Nov 1995	14 Nov 1995	WT/Let/40
Canada (Signature subject to ratification).....	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Chad (Signature subject to ratification)	8 Dec 1994		WT/Let/4
Ratification.....	19 Sep 1996	19 Sep 1996	WT/Let/4/Rev.1 WT/Let/137

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Colombia (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification.....	31 Mar 1995	31 Mar 1995	WT/Let/13
European Union ²⁹⁹	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Finland (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification.....	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Hungary (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Japan	27 Jan 1995	27 Jan 1995	WT/Let/6
New Zealand.....	7 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Norway (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification.....	7 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Paraguay (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification.....	30 Nov 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Romania (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification.....	23 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
South Africa.....	19 Jun 1995	19 Jun 1995	WT/Let/20
Sweden (Signature subject to ratification).....	13 Sep 1994		
Ratification.....	22 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Switzerland	15 Apr 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Tunisia (Signature subject to ratification).....	15 Apr 1994		

²⁹⁹ On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)).

	<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
United States of America			
(Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification.....	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Uruguay (Signature subject to ratification).....			
	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification.....	29 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1