

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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Addendum

CANADA

Import Restrictions

Product:	Country or group	Countries indicating
(BTN)	maintaining measures:	an interest:
Live horses, asses, mules and hinnies (01.01)	Canada	United States

(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

(Applies also to 01.02, 01.03, 01.04, 01.05 and 02.01.)

The measure comes under the Animal Contagious Disease Act and the Meat Inspection Act, both of which have been in force for about sixty years. All livestock and fresh or processed meat imports must comply with one or both of these Acts.

There is a large two-way trade in these products between Canada and the United States.

Import Restrictions

Product:	Country or group	Countries indicating
(BTN)	maintaining measures:	an interest:
Live horses, asses, mules and hinnies (01.01) (cont'd)	Canada	United States

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measure:

Both domestic and imported products are required to meet the same health and sanitary standards. There is no discrimination against imports as such.

Prior import permits are required for live animals except dogs and cats. Animals from the United States are excepted from this requirement on the basis of the similarity in health and sanitary standards and conditions in the two countries, and a mutual agreement between the two veterinaries' services.

Freedom from foot and mouth disease, rinder pest and other serious diseases is the objective of the Canadian rules. Meat and meat products cannot be imported into Canada (other than cooked and canned meats) from countries where these diseases have been prevalent in the preceding twelve months.

The Ministry can designate countries to which the restrictions are not applicable, based on their meat inspection systems and freedom from disease, and from which imports are admitted quite freely. Presently there are seven such countries including the United States. Another list contains twenty-one countries from which canned meat may be admitted freely.

The United States rules require that countries exporting meat and meat products to it have systems equivalent to that in the United States. Canada exports freely to the United States.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Live animals of the bovine species (01.02)	Canada	United States

(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 01.01.

	<u>Import Restrictions</u>	
Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Live swine (01.03)	Canada	United States

(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 01.01.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Live sheep and goats (01.04)	Canada	United States

(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 01.01.

	<u>Import Restrictions</u>	
Product:	Country or group	Countries indicating
(BTN)	maintaining measures:	an interest:
Live poultry	Canada	United States
(01.05)		

(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 01.01.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country, or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Meat and edible offals of the animals falling within headings 01.01-01.04, fresh, chilled or frozen (02.01)	Canada	United States

(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 01.01.

<u>Import Restrictions</u>		
Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, crowns and rhizomes, dormant, in growth or in flower (06.01)	Canada	EEC United States

(a) Description:

HS

Prior import permits are required from most countries for most living plants and plant parts for propagation.

Prohibition of imports of plants surrounded by earth.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

(Applies also to 06.02.)

This measure is to prevent the introduction of plant pests and diseases into Canada.

Canada is a member of the FAO Plant Protection Convention (1951) which established guidelines for the movement of plants and plant products, and which set up a widely accepted international phytosanitary certificate. The United States is not believed to be a signatory to this Convention.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, crowns and rhizomes, dormant, in growth or in flower (06.01) (cont'd)	Canada	EEC United States

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measure:

The Canadian regulations are designed to keep out of Canada several insects and diseases found in the United States but not in Canada. In recent years there has been considerable progress made in establishing uniform quarantine regulations between the two countries because of their proximity.

In Canada there is one uniform set of plant protection regulations for the whole country, whereas the United States is believed to have separate regulations in each State.

Imports of plants surrounded by earth are prohibited because of the risk of introducing into Canada certain pests such as the golden nematode and potato wart disease, which are widespread in Europe and which can live in soil for quite a long time. With the increased use of air freight it is becoming expensive to ship soil in any case; and the speed of such air shipment has reduced the need to include soil to increase the livability of the plants.

Import Restrictions

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Other live plants, including trees, shrubs, bushes, roots, cuttings and slips (06.02)	Canada	EEC United States

(a) Description:

HS

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See item 06.01.