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MACEDONIA OPENS TO CANADIAN BEEF WITH UTM ACCESS

The Canada Beef Export Federation is pleased to announce that Macedonia has opened to Canadian boneless beef products derived from cattle under thirty months of age (UTM) effective immediately. The required export certificate was activated by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency yesterday, June 22, 2006.

The Federation congratulates the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and International Trade Canada on the very successful outcome of their efforts in Macedonia.

“Macedonia may not represent a major importer of Canadian beef products, but it does represent the first option for Canadian beef exporters in Central and Eastern Europe,” says Ted Haney, President of the Canada Beef Export Federation. “With this precedent, we hope that additional Balkan States will follow Macedonia’s lead.”

The countries lying on the Balkan Peninsula are often called the Balkan States. These include Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia, and Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

Prior to the closure of world markets in May 2003, Canada shipped 317 tonnes of beef and veal to Macedonia for a value of \$350,000 in the first four months of that year.

The Federation operates offices in the key international markets of Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, the People’s Republic of China (including Hong Kong) and Mexico.

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