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CANADA BEEF SUPPORTS ENHANCED FEED BAN

The Canada Beef Export Federation fully supports the enhanced feed ban announced today by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). The Federation congratulates the CFIA on following through on the last remaining recommendation of the International Review Panel. All other recommendations have been implemented.

The enhanced feed ban prohibits specified risk materials (SRMs) from all livestock feed, pet food and fertilizers. Canada has already applied identical protection to the human food system, where SRMs are removed from all cattle slaughtered for human consumption.

“This is an enhancement of an already successful feed ban that has resulted in a very low prevalence of BSE in Canada,” says Arno Doerksen, Chairman of the Canada Beef Export Federation. “The effect will be to significantly reduce the time necessary to eradicate the disease in Canada.

“The implementation of the enhanced feed ban will provide confidence to our international trading partners,” says Doerksen. “It will allow us to solidify the access which we already have, allow expanded access – and allow productive trade negotiations to go forward in markets where they have stalled.

“It will also lend support for Canada’s application to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) for international recognition of our BSE controls within that organization’s rating system.

“Today represents the successful conclusion of comprehensive industry consultation, logistics planning, costing and scientific efforts,” he says.

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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