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### **CANADIAN BEEF PRODUCTS BAN IN CHINA AND SOUTH KOREA**

Following the recent rejection of a cargo of Canadian tallow by Chinese port authorities, Members are reminded that under Affiche No. 143 issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine on March 1, 2001, it is illegal to import live cattle, beef, or any product related to or derived from cattle, into China which has originated from countries where BSE is present. Any such products found to have been imported will be destroyed and anyone in breach of the regulations will be prosecuted.

After the recent discovery of the BSE virus in Canadian cattle, Canada has now been added to the list of countries named in the Affiche - which includes all European Union countries - from which the import of live cattle and beef products, including tallow, is prohibited.

In South Korea, a similar ban on the import of Canadian cattle and beef products was imposed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on May 21, 2003. Members are requested to take note accordingly.

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