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and
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BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA
RELATING TO TRADE IN MEAT IMPORTS

I

CANADIAN EMBASSY

AMBASSADE DU CANADA

Washington, December 23, 1976

Dear Mr. Katz,

This is to confirm the understanding regarding the reciprocal arrangements with respect to trade in beef and veal between Canada and the United States in 1977 in light of the decision of the United States Government to contain imports in 1977 of certain beef, veal, mutton and goat meat and to enter into arrangements with the exporting countries concerned, regarding the individual level of imports from them into the United States in 1977.

The Government of Canada understands that the United States Government in context of the aforementioned arrangements, envisages a level of imports of such meats from Canada of up to 75 million pounds during the calendar year 1977. The United States Government understands that, as a consequence, and so as to avoid disruption in the Canadian market, the Government of Canada anticipates a level of imports of fresh, chilled and frozen beef and veal from the United States of up to 24.75 million pounds in 1977. If it appears, during the year, that cross-border shipments in either direction will exceed the levels indicated above, the two Governments will enter into consultations with regard to the appropriate action to be taken in respect of trade in beef and veal which can be accommodated under their respective import programmes for 1977.

It is further agreed that the two Governments will consult in the course of 1977 with respect to trade in this sector over the longer term, in light of their desire to facilitate so far as possible unrestricted trade in these commodities.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

J. H. WARREN
Ambassador

The Honorable Julius L. Katz
Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
The Department of State
Washington, D.C.

¹ Came into force on 29 December 1976 by the exchange of the said letters.

II

December 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I refer to your letter of December 23 and confirm the understanding regarding the reciprocal arrangements with respect to trade in beef and veal between Canada and the United States in 1977 in light of the decision of the United States Government to contain imports in 1977 of certain beef, veal, mutton and goat meat* and to enter into arrangements with the exporting countries concerned, regarding the individual level of imports from them into the United States in 1977.

The Government of Canada understands that the United States Government, in the context of the aforementioned arrangements, envisages a level of imports of such meats from Canada of up to 75 million pounds during the calendar year 1977. The United States Government understands that, as a consequence, and so as to avoid disruption in the Canadian market, the Government of Canada anticipates a level of imports of fresh, chilled and frozen beef and veal from the United States of up to 24.75 million pounds in 1977. If it appears, during the year, that cross-border shipments in either direction will exceed the levels indicated above, the two Governments will enter into consultations with regard to the appropriate action to be taken in respect of trade in beef and veal which can be accommodated under their respective import programmes for 1977.

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Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

JULIUS L. KATZ
Assistant Secretary
for Economic and Business Affairs

His Excellency Jack H. Warren
Ambassador of Canada

* For purposes of this understanding, such meats are fresh, chilled or frozen cattle meat (Item 106.10 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States), fresh, chilled or frozen meat of goats and sheep, except lambs (Item 106.20 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States), and meats which, but for processing in foreign-trade zones, territories or possessions of the United States prior to entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption in United States Customs Territory, would fall within the above descriptions (and Items of the Tariff Schedules of the United States) upon such entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption.