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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
CANADA**

**Exchange of letters constituting an understanding relating  
to trade in meats. Washington, 16 and 23 January  
1978**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
CANADA**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord concernant le com-  
merce de la viande. Washington, 16 et 23 janvier 1978**

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN UNDER-  
STANDING<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND CANADA RELATING TO TRADE IN MEATS

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*The Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs  
to the Canadian Minister*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 16, 1978

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is to confirm the understanding regarding the reciprocal arrangement with respect to trade in beef and veal between Canada and the United States in 1978 in light of the decision of the United States Government to contain imports in 1978 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 1978.

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 76.2 million pounds during the calendar year 1978. 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 25.12 million pounds in 1978. 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 1978.

It is further agreed that the two Governments will consult in the course of 1978 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]

JULIUS L. KATZ  
Assistant Secretary for Economic  
and Business Affairs

Mr. L. A. H. Smith  
Minister  
Embassy of Canada  
Washington, D.C.

\* 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.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 23 January 1978 by the exchange of the said letters.

## II

*The Canadian Minister to the Assistant Secretary of State  
for Economic and Business Affairs*

CANADIAN EMBASSY  
AMBASSADE DU CANADA  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 23, 1978

Dear Mr. Katz,

This will acknowledge your letter of January 16, 1978, and confirm the understanding regarding the reciprocal arrangements with respect to trade in beef and veal between Canada and the United States Government to contain imports in 1978 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 1978.

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Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

L. A. H. SMITH  
Minister (Economic)

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

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