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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
COSTA RICA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to  
trade in meat imports. Washington, 11 and 15 January  
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND COSTA RICA RELATING  
TO TRADE IN MEAT IMPORTS

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*The Secretary of State to the Costa Rican Ambassador*

January 11, 1979

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to discussions among representatives of our two governments and other governments relating to the importation into the United States for consumption of meats described below in paragraph 1 during calendar year 1979. With the understanding that similar agreements also will be concluded for the calendar year 1979 with governments of other countries which export substantial quantities of meat to the United States, I have the honor to propose the following agreement between our two governments:

1. For purposes of this agreement, the term "such meats" shall mean 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.

2. This agreement, together with similar agreements with other countries which export to the United States substantial quantities of such meats, shall constitute the 1979 restraint program. Subject to paragraph 6, the permissible total quantity of imports of such meats into the United States for consumption during calendar year 1979 from countries party to the 1979 restraint program shall be 1477.4 million pounds, and the Government of Costa Rica and the Government of the United States of America shall respectively undertake responsibilities as set forth below for regulating exports to, and imports into, the United States pursuant to the 1979 restraint program.

3. The Government of Costa Rica shall limit the quantity of such meats exported from Costa Rica as direct shipments or on a through bill of lading to the United States in such a manner that the quantity of such meats entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption in United States Customs Territory during the calendar year 1979 does not exceed 68.6 million pounds, or such greater quantity as may result from adjustments pursuant to paragraph 6.

4. The Government of the United States of America may issue regulations limiting to 68.6 million pounds, or such greater quantity as may result from adjustments pursuant to paragraph 6, the quantity of such meats from Costa Rica which, during calendar year 1979, may be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, whether such meats were shipped directly or indirectly, provided that (a) such regulations shall not be employed to govern spacing within calendar

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 15 January 1979, the date of the note in reply, with retroactive effect from 1 January 1979, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

year 1979 of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption of such meat from Costa Rica unless otherwise agreed; and (b) such regulations shall be issued after consultation pursuant to paragraph 7. It is understood that United States Customs statistics of entries, or withdrawals from warehouse, for consumption, will be used for purposes of this agreement. Such statistics shall not include meats which have been refused entry because of failure to meet appropriate standards prescribed pursuant to the Federal Meat Inspection Act, as amended, and those meats will not be regarded as part of the quantity described in paragraph 3, as it may be increased pursuant to paragraph 6.

5. The Government of the United States of America may take appropriate steps to ensure that imports of such meats into the United States for consumption from countries not party to the 1979 restraint program do not disrupt the 1979 restraint program.

6. The Government of the United States of America may increase the permissible total quantity of imports of such meats into the United States during the calendar year 1979 from countries party to the 1979 restraint program or may re-allocate any estimated shortfall in a share of the restraint program quantity or in the initial estimates of imports from countries not party to the 1979 restraint program. If no shortfall is estimated for Costa Rica such increases or estimated shortfall as may be available shall be allocated to Costa Rica in the proportion that 68.6 million pounds bears to the total initial shares from all countries party to the 1979 restraint program which are estimated to have no shortfall for the calendar year 1979. In determining the amount available for re-allocation pursuant to this paragraph, the Government of the United States of America may take into account any increase in its initial estimates of imports from countries not party to the restraint program.

7. The Government of Costa Rica and the Government of the United States of America shall consult promptly upon the request of either government regarding any matter involving the application, interpretation or implementation of this agreement, and regarding any increase in the total quantity of imports from Costa Rica permissible under the restraint program including allocation of any shortfall.

8. In the event that quotas on imports of such meats should become necessary, the representative period used by the Government of the United States of America for calculation of the quota for Costa Rica shall not include the period between October 1, 1968 and June 30, 1972 or the calendar years 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979 except by the agreement of the Government of Costa Rica.

9. (a) To enable both Governments to follow progress under this agreement, the Government of the United States of America shall provide to the Government of Costa Rica as soon as possible after the end of each week Customs statistical information concerning imports of such meats from all supplying countries.

(b) As soon as possible after the end of each month, the Government of Costa Rica shall provide to the Government of the United States of America details of scheduled arrivals to December 31, 1979, ship-by-ship and port-by-port, based on actual loadings in Costa Rica.

I have the honor to propose that, if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Costa Rica, this note and Your Excellency's confirmatory reply constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:  
STEPHEN W. BOSWORTH

His Excellency José Rafael Echeverría  
Ambassador of Costa Rica

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EMBAJADA DE COSTA RICA<sup>1</sup>  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 15, 1979

No. 51

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter proposing the 1979 "Voluntary Restraint" Agreement on the importation of fresh, chilled and frozen beef into the United States of America.

On behalf of my Government, I have the honor to accept your proposal of 68.6 million pounds of beef, as specified therein, and to confirm that this reply constitutes an agreement between our two Governments for 1979.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

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Ambassador

His Excellency Cyrus R. Vance  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C.

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