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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
SWITZERLAND**

**Agreement concerning beef meat imports into Switzerland,  
reached on the Tokyo Round of Multilateral Trade  
Negotiations (with letter dated 10 July 1979 and related  
letter dated 19 November 1980). Signed at Geneva on  
12 April 1979**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 1 March 1982.*

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

**Accord relatif aux importations de viande de bœuf en  
Suisse, convenu lors des négociations commerciales  
multilatérales dites de Tokyo (avec lettre en date du  
10 juillet 1979 et lettre connexe en date du 19 novembre  
1980). Signé à Genève le 12 avril 1979**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 1<sup>er</sup> mars 1982.*

## COMMITMENT<sup>1</sup> OF SWITZERLAND CONCERNING ACCESS TO ITS MARKET FOR BEEF MEAT

12th april 1979

1. As a result of the Multilateral Trade Negotiation held in the framework of GATT,<sup>2</sup> Switzerland takes the commitment to open minimum import possibilities (licences) for the following global quantities of beef meat, fresh, frozen or chilled, item 0201.20/22 of the Swiss customs tariff: 2,000 t per year.

2. These import possibilities will apply to high quality beef meat from carcasses with lean meat, red, firm and fine grained in texture, with some marbling and a firm, white fat cover.

3. The following cuts will qualify for this régime:

- a) Ribs.
- b) Parts including strip loin, tender loin and rump (either together or cut).
- c) Tops including top-butter (topside), silverside, eye round, knuckle.
- d) Tongues.

4. These import possibilities will be opened within the Swiss import system. In very exceptional circumstances, under which it would appear impossible to open the total amount, Switzerland is prepared to hold consultations on request of interested countries.

5. From the above quantity a minimum import possibility of 700 t will be opened for beef meat qualifying under either of the following definitions:

- i) Beef quarters, wholesale cuts, boneless primal and subprimal cuts or portioned steaks from carcasses possessing the following characteristics:
  - a) Minimum external white fat covering over the ribeye muscle at the 12th rib of .4 inch to .9 inch.
  - b) Carcass weight of 600 to 850 pounds.
  - c) Minimum ribeye area at 12th rib—9 square inches.
  - d) Maximum age—30 months. Carcass must have no visible ossification of cartilage buttons over tips of spinous processes associated with the 1st through 11th thoracic vertebrae.
  - e) Minimum intermuscular fat intermingled in lean in longissimus (ribeye) muscle at the 12th rib as shown by photographic standard (equivalent to modest or fat content of lean of 6.0 minimum, wet tissue basis, for longissimus).  
NOTE: This will not apply to other muscles of carcass.
  - f) Colour: Lean must be a bright, cherry red colour at time of cutting of carcass.
  - g) Fresh chilled carcasses or cuts must be at a temperature (internal of ribeye muscle) of less than 4 degrees C when packed for shipment.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 19 November 1980, with retroactive effect from 1 January 1980, the date on which schedules XX (United States)\* and LIX (Switzerland)\*\* became schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, in accordance with the provisions of the related letter of 19 November 1980.

\* United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1189, p. 2.

\*\* *Ibid.*, vol. 1192, p. 2.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187.

ii) Carcasses or any cuts from cattle not over 30 months of age which have been fed for 100 days or more on a nutritionally balanced, high energy feed concentration ration containing no less than 70 percent grain, and at least 20 pounds total feed per day.

6. The above import possibilities will be administered according to the demand of Swiss importers.

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

*The Ambassador to the Swiss Delegation to the Deputy Head of the  
United States Delegation to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations*

LE DÉLÉGUÉ AUX ACCORDS COMMERCIAUX<sup>3</sup>

Berne, July 10, 1979

Dear Mr. Culbert,

Referring to our recent discussions I have the honour to inform you that Switzerland will publish in the GATT and bind the “Commitment of Switzerland concerning access to its market for beef meat” as initialled by our two Delegations on April 12, 1979.

Sincerely yours,

[Signed]

ARTHUR DUNKEL  
Ambassador

Mr. William E. Culbert  
Deputy Head of Delegation  
United States Delegation  
to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations  
Geneva

#### RELATED LETTER

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1980

Dear Ambassador Probst:

I refer to the April 12, 1979 exchange of letters and Arrangement Concerning Cheeses,<sup>4</sup> to the April 12, 1979 Commitment Concerning Beef and related letter of

<sup>1</sup> Signed by Arthur Dunkel — Signé par Arthur Dunkel.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by Alonzo L. McDonald — Signé par Alonzo L. McDonald.

<sup>3</sup> The Delegate to Trade Agreements.

<sup>4</sup> See p. 151 of this volume.

July 10, 1979, and to the Swiss letter of April 11, 1979 regarding motor vehicles<sup>1</sup> agreed upon during the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

In order to comply with certain technical legal requirements, the United States intends to treat the above documents relating to cheese (with quotation marks inserted as a rectification at the end of paragraph number 4 in the Swiss letter), to beef, and to motor vehicles as agreements between our two Governments as contracting parties to GATT, effective January 1, 1980 when Schedules XX (United States)<sup>2</sup> and LIX (Switzerland)<sup>3</sup> both became schedules to GATT.

I refer also to the modified United States tariff language regarding watch marking, nomenclature, and duties, together with exchanges of letters (1) stating that the United States Customs Service now permits the entry of watch movements, cases, and dials which have been marked with the required information by the electrolysis method, provided that the marking is indelible, and that this practice will be continued, and (2) explaining that the United States cannot make tariff negotiating offers on certain watch movements with a value under 15 dollars because of the employment and economic development in the Virgin Islands for which the watch industry performs an important role.

The modified United States tariff language regarding watch marking, nomenclature, and duties was submitted to the Congress on June 19, 1979 under Section 102 of the Trade Act of 1974, but without any date or signatures. A copy of such modified language relating to watches, as contained in that portion of Unit E of Chapter 2 of Section 7 of Part I of Schedule XX (United States) to the Geneva (1979) Protocol<sup>4</sup> which precedes the description applicable to item 720.80, is attached to this letter. The substances of these modifications was agreed to between the United States and Switzerland during the Multilateral Trade Negotiations prior to June 19, 1979. This letter will be resubmitted to the Congress, under Section 2 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as the final instrument or text.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

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General Counsel

His Excellency Raymond Probst  
Embassy of Switzerland  
Washington, D.C.

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<sup>1</sup> See p. 181 of this volume.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1189, p. 2.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1192, p. 2.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1187, p. 2.