



Canadian Cattlemen's Association

News Release

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Ruling Released

(July 25, 2005) The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) today applauded as thorough and insightful the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reasoning for overturning the preliminary ban on live cattle exports to the U.S. The opinion delivered by the Court clearly supports the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) rule to permit imports of Canadian cattle and an expanded list of beef products.

The opinion, released today, states in part that the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture had a firm basis for determining that the resumption of ruminant imports from Canada would not significantly increase the risk of BSE to the American population, that Canada's already low risk of BSE is decreasing, and that R-CALF has not shown a likelihood of success on the merits of its action.

"I commend the Ninth Circuit panel for the thorough effort they obviously put into this decision," says CCA President Stan Eby. "I would also like to thank both the USDA and the U.S. Department of Justice for all of their hard work."

The CCA looks forward to a quick and successful conclusion to the legal challenges to the USDA rule and is hopeful that the U.S. District Court, Montana Division will deem further proceedings unnecessary.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied the CCA and Alberta Beef Producers' request for intervenor status in the case for a permanent injunction in U.S. District Court, Montana Division.

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