



Canadian Cattlemen's Association

News Release

Cattle Associations' Written Briefs Accepted in Montana Court Case

(June 15, 2005) The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) learned today that its *amicus curiae* "friend of the court" brief has been accepted by the judge hearing the case for a permanent injunction against live Canadian cattle and beef exports in U.S. District Court, Montana Division. That hearing takes place July 27 in Billings, Montana. *Amicus curiae* written briefs permit those affected by the outcome of a case to provide relevant information for consideration by the judge or judges deciding the matter. An *amicus curiae* brief submitted by Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) was also accepted.

"It's very good news for Canadian cattle producers that the judge has agreed to hear our information," says Stan Eby, CCA President. "No one will be affected more by the outcome of this case than Canadian cattle producers, and we believe strongly that we have relevant information to provide."

CCA's *amicus curiae* brief states in part that R-CALF's attempts to equate Canada's BSE situation with the situation in some other countries is incorrect, that the new World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) standards lend validity to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) rule, and that in any event Canada meets or exceeds all OIE standards, both past and present. The complete CCA brief can be viewed on the CCA website www.cattle.ca under BSE Updates – Legal Activity.

The CCA has also learned that its joint appeal with ABP of the denial of intervenor status in the permanent injunction case will be heard in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Seattle on July 13 at the same time the USDA will appeal the preliminary injunction that is currently preventing live cattle exports. Intervenor status would allow CCA and ABP to more fully represent the interests of Canadian cattle producers and will continue to be pursued.

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