



Canadian Pork Council Supports Federal Court Decision to Dismiss U.S. Grain Corn Review

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Ottawa – The Canadian Pork Council applauds Tuesday's decision by the Federal Court of Canada to dismiss a judicial review of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal's April 2006 'no injury' decision on imports of U.S. grain corn.

On September 16, 2005, the Canadian Corn Producers (CCP) initiated countervail and dumping investigations against imports of U.S. grain corn. The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) issued positive preliminary findings for both countervail and dumping on November 15, 2005 and established combined duties of \$U.S. 1.65/bushel. The duty rates were re-confirmed by final determinations from the CBSA on December 15, 2006. However, an April 18, 2006 ruling by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) correctly determined that imports of U.S. grain corn into Canada did not, and would not, cause injury to the Canadian corn industry.

In May 2006, the Canadian Corn Producers (CCP) filed a Notice of Intent to seek a judicial review of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal's 'no injury' decision on imports of U.S. grain corn, in the Federal Court of Canada. However, the case was terminated Tuesday following the presentation of the Canadian Corn Producers' case.

"Tuesday's decision was a good one for our industry," explains Mr. Clare Schlegel, President of the Canadian Pork Council. "We have been telling the government and other industry stakeholders for some time now of the tenuous position our sector is in, due in part to significant cost increases to production inputs, such as feed. Corn is one of those important inputs for our industry, and our producers need access to competitively-priced feed for their operations. We are pleased that this judicial review has now ended."

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