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MP Kramp welcomes new duty-free access for Canadian beef in European Union Market

Belleville, ON – Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, welcomes Monday’s announcement by Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz that Canadian beef producers will now have duty-free access to the European Union market – access which is estimated to be worth more than \$10 million annually for Canada.

“Our government has been working tirelessly to open more global markets to Canadian beef”, said Mr. Kramp. “This deal will help increase the prosperity and success of Canadian producers.”

The Government of Canada has also finalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the European Commission, which sets the path towards the resolution of the long-standing WTO dispute between Canada and the EU on beef hormones. This understanding will ultimately add 3,200 tonnes to the current 20,000 tonne quota and provides compensation for the EU’s ban on beef from animals administered growth hormones.

Under the terms of this MOU, Canadian access to this most favoured nation quota is for beef from animals not administered growth hormones that comply with the relevant EU import requirements. Beef from animals treated with growth hormones is approved for use in Canada.

The Canadian beef industry is able and willing to immediately meet the lucrative EU market demand for hormone-free beef.