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### **AGREEMENT REACHED WITH CHINA OVER PORK A SUCCESS: KRAMP**

**Belleville, ON** - Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings is pleased to report to local hog farmers that Canadian pork products will be back on Chinese grocery store shelves. After significant negotiations, recognizing OIE, (World Organization for Animal Health), standards, Canada has secured the first certification agreement to allow pork imports to China.

This important development builds on the success of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's recent mission to China. Mr. Kramp, the Chair of the Canada-China Legislative Association, responsible for fostering a progressive and productive relationship between the respective countries, was part of this mission.

"I am pleased to have been part of the process which has resulted in this success", said Mr. Kramp. "Our pork is the best in the world and it is gratifying to see that Chinese citizens will soon get to enjoy it again and our farmers will benefit."

In the spring of 2009, China banned pork imports from H1N1-affected countries, including Canada. In December, largely as a result of Prime Minister Harper's mission to China, the Canadian government was successful in getting this ban lifted. Since then, Canada has been working to develop supplementary certification requirements. This successful negotiation will now allow Chinese imports of Canadian pork. China is an important market for Canadian pork valued at \$45 million in 2008. Discussions on the Chinese importation of Canadian live swine are continuing and Canada anticipates an early resolution.