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To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

US Beef import restriction partially relaxed

This serves to inform you that US beef import restriction was partially relaxed by this Department with effect from 15.2.2013.

In view of the US's implementation of enhanced control measures against Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE, also known as mad cow disease), the Department has decided to partially lift the suspension of imports of US bone-in beef without compromising food safety. Following the partial relaxation of the import restriction, beef ribs cuts and other bone-in beef (except vertebral column cuts) from cattle less than 30 months old are allowed to be imported from the US. In addition, boneless beef from cattle of all ages are also allowed to be imported from the US. Each and every consignment of beef products must have the Centre for Food Safety's prior permission and be accompanied by a health certificate.

At the same time, the Department will closely monitor the situation to ensure food safety and will review the import requirements as and when necessary.

Should you have any further enquiry on this issue, please contact Ms LAI 2867 5560.

Yours sincerely,



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