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"NEWS-UPDATE"

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Provisional Agreement Reached in EU Beef Hormone Dispute

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has announced that the U.S. and the EU have reached a 3-4 year Provisional agreement in the beef hormone dispute. Under the agreement, the U.S. would maintain the existing sanctions on the current product list, without revision, for a 3-year period. This means that the new sanctions that were scheduled to go into effect on May 9, 2009 will not be Imposed.

Under the agreement, both sides have decided that they will eliminate all sanctions during the 4th year.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us at your client representative here at The American Companies or e-mail Compliance@shipamerican.com

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