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Tariff Increase for Beef and Beef Offals

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Report Highlights:

The Colombian Government increased the tariff for beef and beef offals from 20 to 80 percent starting May 21, 2003. The government also implemented in this regulation a 3,000 tariff-rate quota for high quality beef (the in-quota tariff is 20 percent). Imports of beef and beef offals also now require prior authorization by the Colombian Ministry of Agriculture. The new measures have brought to a halt trade in tripes, stomachs and livers valued at \$1.7 million.

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The US exports most affected by the increase in tariffs are beef livers, stomachs and tripes. Below are 2002 trade data for products covered by the tariff increase. An informal translation of the new regulation is also provided below.

**Colombia: Imports of Bovine Meat and Bovine offals
CY 2002 (CIF US\$)**

		U.S.A.	Total
201100000	Chilled bovine carcasses and half-carcasses		
201200000	Other bovine cuts with bone in	-	-
201300000	Boneless bovine meat	-	181932
202100000	Frozen bovine carcasses and half-carcasses	-	-
202200000	Other frozen bovine cuts with bone in	15,109	15109
202300000	Frozen boneless bovine meat	43,075	2,246,208
206100000	Chilled/frozen edible animal offal (bovine, swine, sheep, goat)	-	-
206210000	Chilled/frozen tongues	-	369,767
206220000	Chilled/frozen livers	470,863	1,661,004
210200000	Other beef and beef offals dried, smoked, salted or in brine, including edible meals and powders	-	-
504001000	Animal stomachs	204,631	623,137
504002000	Animal tripes	1,030,651	1,075,677
504003000	Animal Bladders	0	0
Total		1,764,329	6172834

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION

Decree 1311 of May 21, 2003
by which a trade quota rate is established

The President of the Republic of Colombia in use of his constitutional and legal powers, in particular those provided for in paragraph 25 of Article 189 of the Political Constitution, in the development of Law 323 of 1996, and subject to the general norms given by Laws 6 of 1971 and 7 of 1991, and

taking into account

that Colombia was authorized by the Commission of the Andean Community in its session of April 14, 2003, to apply a maximum import duty equivalent to the minimum access commitment in the WTO for the imports of bovine meat and offal for products under the following tariff codes:

0201100000	Chilled bovine carcasses and half-carcasses
0201200000	Other bovine cuts with bone in
0201300000	Boneless bovine meat
0202100000	Frozen bovine carcasses and half-carcasses
0202200000	Other frozen bovine cuts with bone in
0202300000	Frozen boneless bovine meat
0206100000	Chilled/frozen edible animal offal (bovine, swine, sheep, goat)
0206210000	Chilled/frozen tongues
0206220000	Chilled/frozen livers
0210200000	Other beef and beef offals dried, smoked, salted or in brine, including edible meals and powders
0504001000	Animal stomachs
0504002000	Animal tripes
0504003000	Animal Bladders

That based on that (Andean) authorization, Colombia may implement preferential import tariff-rate quotas with lower import duties than its minimum access commitments in the WTO.

DECREE:

Article 1: To establish an import duty of 80% for the following the tariff codes (HS positions):

0201100000	Fresh and chilled bovine carcasses and half-carcasses
0201200000	Other bovine cuts with bone-in
0201300000	Boneless bovine meat
0202100000	Frozen bovine carcasses and half-carcasses
0202200000	Other frozen bovine cuts with bone-in
0202300000	Frozen boneless bovine meat
0206100000	Chilled/frozen edible animal offal (bovine, swine, sheep, goat)

0206210000 Chilled/frozen tongues
0206220000 Chilled/frozen livers
0210200000 Other beef and beef offals dried, smoked, salted or in brine, including edible meals and powders
0504001000 Animal stomachs
0504002000 Animal tripes
0504003000 Animal Bladders

Article 2: To establish a preferential import tariff-rate quota of 3,000 metric tons for fresh, aged boneless high quality bovine meat which is classed under the following HS code:

Description:

0201300000 Fresh or chilled high quality bovine meat, aged and deboned.

Article 3: This tariff-rate quota will enter into the customs territory of Colombia with a duty of 20 percent and will be regulated and distributed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, with prior approval by the Committee of Customs Affairs, Tariffs and Foreign Trade.

Article 4: The imports of the products mentioned in this decree will be registered at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, with prior approval (“visto bueno”) by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. The latter will be required for custom release of the imported product.

Article 5: This decree will take effect on the date of publication.

For publication and implementation.

Done in Bogota, Colombia, on May 21, 2003