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Parliament to Study Duty Deferral Program -Milk and Poultry Trade

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Report Highlights:

On August 3, the Canadian House of Commons Committee on International Trade initiated a “study of Canada Border Services Agency’s Duties Deferral Program as well as other issues such as diafiltered milk and spent fowl”. This study will consist of two further meetings; the first meeting to hear from industry stakeholders; and the second meeting to hear from the Ministers of Public Safety, Finance, Agriculture, and International Trade. These meetings are to be scheduled no later than August 31, 2016. The Committee intends to report findings to the House of Commons. The Canadian Parliament is currently in adjournment until September 19.

General Information:

The following summary is provided from the House of Commons, Committee on International Trade, Minutes of Proceedings (August 3, 2016 meeting):

Begin Quote:

Canada Border Services Agency's Duties Deferral Program as well as other issues such as diafiltered milk and spent fowl (Meeting 28)

Witnesses**Department of Finance**

- Dean Beyea, Director, International Trade Policy Division
- Scott Winter, Senior Economist, International Trade Policy Division

Canada Border Services Agency

- Alexander Lawton, Director, Trade Compliance
- Brad Loynachan, Director, Trade Policy

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food

- Frédéric Seppey, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Trade Agreements and Negotiations, Market and Industry Services Branch

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, the Committee commenced its study of Canada Border Services Agency's Duties Deferral Program as well as other issues such as diafiltered milk and spent fowl.

Dean Beyea, Alexander Lawton and Frédéric Seppey made statements and, with Brad Loynachan and Scott Winter, answered questions. Member of Parliament (MP), Mr. Randy Hoback gave notice of the following motion:

That, as part of the Committee's study of Canada Border Services Agency's Duties Deferral Program as well as other issues such as diafiltered milk and spent fowl; that this study consist of two further meetings; the first meeting to hear from industry stakeholders; and the second meeting to hear from the Ministers of Public Safety, Finance, Agriculture, and International Trade; that these meetings be scheduled no later than August 31, 2016; and that the Committee report its findings to the House.

It was agreed, — That, as part of the Committee's study of the Canada Border Services Agency's Duties Deferral Program as well as other issues such as diafiltered milk and spent fowl; that this study consist of one further meeting to be held on September 20, 2016, to hear from industry stakeholders and from the Minister of Agriculture and officials from the Departments of Finance, Public Safety, and International Trade. End Quote

An audio recording can be accessed via ParlVu of the public session of Meeting No. 28.

The meeting was convened at the request of former Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, former Trade

Committee Chair Randy Hoback, Conservative MP Dave Van Kesteren and NDP Trade Critic Tracey Ramsey.