

Resolution regarding the Ontario-Quebec Trade and Co-operation Agreement

Whereas the Pork Industry in Ontario is facing increasing pork imports coming from the US and increasingly from Quebec and

Whereas Quebec pork producers benefit from a safety-net program known as ASRA that provides support to cover their cost-of-production and

Whereas the provincial governments of Ontario and Quebec signed a trade and Co-operation Agreement on September 11, 2009 and

Whereas this will give the Quebec pork industry open access to the Ontario market for pork and

Whereas this agreement gives an unfair advantage to Quebec pork producers and allows subsidized pork into the Ontario market and

Whereas by signing this agreement with Quebec, the Ontario Government has a duty on behalf of the Ontario pork industry to provide a similar business structure for Ontario pork producers;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork demand an equivalent financial support to ASRA here in Ontario from the Province of Ontario to create a harmonized trading environment between Ontario and Quebec and to do so immediately.

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