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THE COMMISSION AND THE UNITED STATES REACH AGREEMENT

ON BEEF EXCHANGES

The Commission and the United States government have agreed on a system of certification that will allow the resumption of beef exchanges within the respect of their respective legislations.

That will guarantee that beef that has been approved by the system is non-hormone treated and then can be sold in the EC market.

The two parties have also agreed that the US/EC Task Force on meat hormones will continue its work beyond today, May 4, 1989, in order to complete its work.

In the meantime, to the extent that US beef and beef products are shipped to the European Community, the US retaliatory measures will be reduced accordingly.

The progress achieved by the Task Force will be checked by June 15, 1989.