

Annexe 4



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Dear Marie-Andrée:

This letter is to inform you that the Government of Saskatchewan is requesting consultations with the Government of Quebec under Article 1702.1 of the *Agreement on Internal Trade* (AIT) with respect to measures relating to the *Quebec Food Act* and the Quebec Regulation Respecting Food.

Measure Complained of:

The measures complained of relate to the restrictions on the manufacture and sale of dairy blends and analogues within the province of Quebec.

Relevant Provisions of the AIT:

Based on our review, we consider the following provisions of the AIT apply to the measures under complaint: Chapter 9 (Agriculture), Article 401 (Reciprocal Non-Discrimination); Article 402 (Right of Entry and Exit); Article 403 (No Obstacles); and, Article 404 (Legitimate Objectives).

Summary of the Complaint:

It is Saskatchewan's view that the Quebec prohibitions on the manufacture and sale of dairy blends and analogues in the *Quebec Food Act* and Regulation Respecting Food provide limited access to the dairy blend market and are in contravention of the AIT.

If during the course of the consultation we conclude that other Quebec measures or AIT Articles are relevant to this complaint, we will draw them to your attention.

Saskatchewan understands that other Parties to the AIT may also seek to initiate consultations with Quebec on this issue and we would like to propose that all Parties making a request be treated as co-complainants with respect to this matter.

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I look forward to resolving this issue.

Sincerely,



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