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Statement from USTR Susan C. Schwab on the issuing of the Korea beef protocol

“I welcome the publication today in Korea’s official gazette of its Import Health Requirements, which puts the April 18th United States -Korea beef import protocol into effect. With this step, we look forward to the resumption of shipments of safe, affordable and high quality U.S. beef to Korea, so that Korean families will have the opportunity to enjoy the same delicious beef that American families do. We urge Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China to join Korea and others in reopening their beef markets based on science and internationally recognized guidelines and standards.

“The Administration remains committed to working with Congress to get the landmark United States -Korea Free Trade Agreement approved this year. Both nations stand to benefit from this agreement, with the resumption of beef trade providing further evidence of these important bilateral trade ties.”

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