

Washington, D.C.
June 15, 2004

The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick
United States Trade Representative

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between the delegations of the United States of America and the Kingdom of Morocco in the course of negotiations of the Free Trade Agreement between our Governments signed this day:

Beef and beef product (“beef”) and poultry and poultry product (“poultry”) imports must be accompanied by an export certificate to be allowed entry into Morocco. Morocco’s veterinary services, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service, will work together in good faith to define the content of the certificates that will accompany U.S. beef and poultry imports. Concerning the issue of residues of antibiotics, coccidiostatic substances, hormones, pesticides, radioactive elements, or medications, the Parties agree that the following language is acceptable for inclusion in the certificates, unless the language is changed upon further consultation and agreement between the Parties:

BEEF

“The meat comes from animals that received antemortem and postmortem inspection at the time of slaughter and was determined to be wholesome and free of disease. It contains no unauthorized preservatives or other additives or food colorings. It contains no harmful residues of antibiotics, coccidiostatic substances, hormones, pesticides, radioactive elements, or medications according to the national residue program. It has been prepared in an establishment that is inspected by the United States Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service and is suitable for human consumption.”

POULTRY

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inspected by the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service and is suitable for human consumption.”

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an integral part of Section A of Chapter Three of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Taïb Fassi Fihri
Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

Washington, D.C.
June 15, 2004

The Honorable Taïb Fassi Fihri
Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
Kingdom of Morocco

Dear Minister Fassi Fihri:

I am pleased to receive your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

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I have the honor to confirm that the understanding referred to in your letter is shared by my Government, and that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an integral part of Section A of Chapter Three of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Zoellick