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USTR Statement on Signing of Protocol to the 2005 U.S.-Russia Agreement on Trade in Certain Types of Poultry, Beef, and Pork

WASHINGTON, DC – The Office of the United States Trade Representative welcomes today's signing of the protocol to the 2005 U.S.-Russia Agreement on Trade in Certain Types of Poultry, Beef, and Pork. The protocol makes adjustments to the in-quota quantity and out-of-quota tariff for U.S. pork and poultry exports to the Russia Federation.

Sean Spicer, a spokesperson for USTR, said "The United States is very pleased that our USTR/USDA negotiating team was able to reach agreement so U.S. exporters can continue supplying this important market. This protocol will provide certainty to our trade in poultry and pork in 2009."

The Russian Federation is the number one export market for U.S. poultry meat and the fourth largest market for U.S. pork. U.S. exports of poultry and pork to the Russian Federation reached \$720 million and \$191 million, respectively, in 2007.

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