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THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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H.E. German Gref
Minister
Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
of the Russian Federation

Dear Minister Gref:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date which reads as follows:

"I have the honor to confirm the following understandings reached between the Government of the Russian Federation (Russia) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) on importation of pork meat in the course of bilateral negotiations on Russia's Accession to the World Trade Organization:

1. The Russian side shall accept the method of low-temperature treatment (inactivation of trichinae by freezing) applied to pork meat, described in the "Recommendations on Methods for the Control of Trichinella in Domestic and Wild Animals Intended for Human Consumption" (Recommendations), and any revisions thereto, by the International Commission on Trichinellosis (hereinafter referred to as the ICT), as an effective method for destruction of trichinae to prevent human trichinellosis.
2. The U.S. side shall undertake to ensure full implementation of the Recommendations of the ICT, in particular the method set out in Appendix IV and referenced in paragraph 2.2, by plants approved by FSIS for exportation of pork meat to the Russian Federation for industrial processing and retail sale.
3. The Russian side shall permit the importation from the United States of pork meat for industrial processing and retail sale, after the meat has undergone low temperature treatment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this letter.
4. Upon signature, the Russian side shall permit the importation from the United States of pork meat and pork by-products for both industrial processing and retail sale, if accompanied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Form No. FSIS-9450-3 attached to this letter.

I have the honor to request that you confirm that your government shares these understandings and that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply constitute an agreement between our two governments."

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Please accept the assurances of my deepest respect.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan C. Schwab".

Susan C. Schwab