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**ASI Comments on Canadian Import Conditions**

The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) provided comments to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in response to a consultation paper regarding the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) import policy for small ruminants and their products.

"Canada is an important trading partner to the United States," commented Paul Frischknecht, ASI president. "U.S. sheep producers, feeders, processors and marketers have historically enjoyed positive trade relations with their Canadian counterparts and we hope to return to that position."

CFIA will review all comments and then intends to finalize and begin implementing a revised import policy as soon as possible. Comments are available for viewing at [www.sheepusa.org](http://www.sheepusa.org).