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### **Canadian Beef to South Korea**

It's been almost 6 years since South Korea banned imports of Canadian beef after bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) was discovered in a Canadian cow in May 2003. Even with an official recognition from World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) of Canada as a "Controlled BSE risk" country, Canada and South Korea have reached impasses at the technical level in resolving the issue based on science when US, which has the same status as Canada, obtained access to the South Korean beef market in June 2008. Canada now requested WTO consultation with South Korea on April 9 2009 and if consultation does not resolve the dispute, Canada could request the establishment of a WTO panel 60 days from the request for consultation date.

**Source : The Alberta Korea Office**

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