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*Animal welfare in a bilateral trade policy framework*

*EU-Canada Equivalency Agreement on Slaughter*

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**Our vision:**

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

**Our mission:**

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.



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# Trade European Union - Canada

## Canada:

- EU's 12th most important trading partner
- 1.6% of the EU's total external trade in 2011 (€22.8bn; 2011)

## EU

- Canada's second most important trading partner, after the U.S.,
- 10.4% share of its total external trade (€29.6bn; 2011)

Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada and EU near completion.





## Microcosmos – Animal Health, Welfare and Food Safety

2001: EU-Canada Veterinary Agreement. Formal CFIA-EU SANCO forum for animal health and food safety.

2004: Animal welfare included within the scope of the Canada-EC Veterinary Agreement.

2006: AW technical working group established; Detailed Terms of Reference, respecting each others' authorities and limitations

2010: Workshop on the welfare of animals at the time of slaughter; joint EU-Canada in Calgary

# The Red Thread



OIE animal welfare standards

Canadian  
Regulations

EU Regulations

Industry Standards and Guidance

## Why this is important

- AW standards are (or perceived) to be a cost factor
- Industry is (or perceives to be) disadvantaged when trade partners not held to similar, comparable, standards

- AW too important to become TBT



- AW too important to be a token in negotiations



## What has worked for us

- Open and timely discussion on AW topics
- Joint awareness and training session
- Understanding of each other's commitment and ways to address AW topics
- Understanding that "equal" is not necessarily "identical"
- Willingness to discuss and to learn
- Not losing sight of the goal – betterment of the well being of animals

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