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For discussion under agenda item No. 8 of the draft agenda, the following questions have been submitted by New Zealand.

CANADA

New Zealand has noted the increased sendings of European Community beef to Canada in 1984. Is this increase in sendings resulting in any displacement of Canadian beef into the United States marketplace?

UNITED STATES

What is the likely impact of the dairy herd cull on domestic beef production and prices for 1983 and 1984.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The future of the present large stocks of European Community surplus beef is causing concern to traders in the traditional beef trade. Traders would welcome an assurance that the European Community will not be introducing beef restitutions for countries not yet covered by the export restitution scheme.

JAPAN

The recent increase in Japanese beef access was limited to grain fed beef. Does Japan have similar plans to increase market access for grass fed beef, to retain grass fed beef producers traditional share of the Japanese market?