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**CHINA'S DELAY IN APPROVING REQUESTS FOR NEW LISTING
AND REINSTATEMENT OF EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS
– SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERN 516**

SUBMISSION BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The following submission, received on 26 March 2024, is the statement made by the United States of America at the 20-22 March 2024 WTO SPS Committee, and is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

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1. The United States appreciates the positive development of the reinstatement of one US meat establishment in December 2023.
 2. However, the United States remains deeply concerned with the significant delays of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) to reinstate several other delisted facilities.
 3. Specifically, the United States remains disappointed that GACC has yet to relist the four remaining US meat facilities that were determined to be non-compliant with Chinese food safety standards concerns despite being provided with corrective actions.
 4. In addition, the United States is concerned that GACC is testing for animal diseases in products that are deemed "safe to trade" by the World Organisation for Animal Health and pose no risk to human health and present no food safety concerns.
 5. The United States is frustrated that GACC is suspending establishments after one violation and we request that GACC accept the provided corrective actions and preventive measures taken by all affected establishments and verified by FSIS, and immediately relist the suspended establishments.
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