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Face-to-face meeting and videoconference chaired by , , DG TRADE Unit E1 – USA and Canada, and , , Technical Barriers and Regulations Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada.

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C. Cloning

Canada is interested in knowing details of a timeline for COM’s cloning proposal approval process. He noted that Canada is concerned that potential requirements for clones and their progeny being discussed in the EU may not be science-based and may have a negative impact on Canada-EU trade. While Canada presently required pre-market assessment and approval for clones and their products, Canada is concerned at the potential costs of a traceability system, particularly one that would include not just direct progeny but also later descendants.

COM confirmed a meeting was held on November 27, 2013 but that no minutes are available. At that meeting COM was asked to make a proposal. When that proposal is available it will be notified. COM noted that because of Canada’s approval system, it is not “the most difficult” trading partner, and expressed understanding of Canada’s distinction between immediate progeny and later descendants.
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