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## Statement by Canada's Agri-Food Exporters on Lifting of Steel and Aluminum Tariffs

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*Brian Innes, President of the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance (CAFTA) today issued the following statement regarding news the U.S. will be removing steel and aluminum tariffs against Canada within two days.*

“On behalf of our members, we congratulate both sides for this positive development. We are pleased that the U.S. is removing these punitive tariffs and that Canada will also remove its retaliatory duties. This is good news for free trade in North America.

“Duty-free trade is a win-win across leading sectors of the economy, including manufacturing and of course agriculture and agri-food. Canada’s agri-food exports to the US have grown by more than fivefold and imports from the US have grown more than six fold since 1988. Tariff-free trade has been an incredible success for the agri-food sector throughout North America.

“Removing uncertainty will benefit the millions of businesses, workers and exporters who rely on free and open trade. We welcome the announcement that will help ensure the stability of trade in North America.

“We are hopeful this agreement paves the way for the ratification of the Canada-US-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) which will create even greater opportunities across the North American market.”

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*CAFTA is the voice of Canadian agriculture and agri-food exporters, representing the 90% of farmers who depend on trade and the ranchers, producers, processors and agri-food exporters who want to grow the economy through better access to international markets. This includes the beef, pork, meat, grains, cereals, pulses, soybeans, canola as well as the sugar, malt, and processed food industries. The sectors CAFTA represents support over a million jobs in urban and rural communities across Canada.*

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