

International Bovine Meat Agreement

Done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994

Entry into force: 1 January 1995³¹⁰

Termination: 31 December 1997³¹¹

Text: GATT Publication VI-1994

UN Registration: 1 November 1995, [31874](#), No. 41937

UNTS: [1895 UNTS 249](#)

Relevant clauses

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Article VI

1. *Acceptance*

(a) This Agreement is open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by any State or separate customs territory possessing full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for in the Agreement Establishing the WTO ... and by the European Communities.

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2. *Entry into force*

This Agreement shall enter into force for those Parties having accepted it, on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement. For Parties accepting this Agreement after that date, it shall be effective from the date of their acceptance.

3. *Validity*

This Agreement shall remain in force for three years. The duration of this Agreement shall be extended for further periods of three years at a time, unless the Council, at least eighty days prior to each date of expiry, decides otherwise.

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7. *Deposit*

... This Agreement, and any amendments thereto, shall, upon the entry into force of the WTO Agreement, be deposited with the Director-General of the WTO.

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³¹⁰ See [WT/Let/4](#).

³¹¹ On 30 September 1997, the International Meat Council decided, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 6 of the Agreement, to terminate the Agreement on 31 December 1997 ([IMA/8](#)). On 10 December 1997, the General Council decided to delete the Agreement from Annex 4 of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization ([WT/L/252](#)).

Acceptances

	<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Argentina (Signature subject to ratification).....	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	29 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Australia.....	19 May 1995	19 May 1995	WT/Let/18
Austria (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Brazil	15 Apr 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Bulgaria (Signature subject to ratification).....	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	14 Nov 1995	14 Nov 1995	WT/Let/40
Canada (Signature subject to ratification).....	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Chad (Signature subject to ratification).....	8 Dec 1994		WT/Let/4
Ratification	19 Sep 1996	19 Sep 1996	WT/Let/4/Rev.1 WT/Let/137
Colombia (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	31 Mar 1995	31 Mar 1995	WT/Let/13
European Union ³¹²	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Finland (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Hungary (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Japan.....	27 Jan 1995	27 Jan 1995	WT/Let/6
New Zealand.....	7 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Norway (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	7 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Paraguay (Signature subject to ratification).....	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	30 Nov 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Romania (Signature subject to ratification).....	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	23 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
South Africa	19 Jun 1995	19 Jun 1995	WT/Let/20

³¹² On 1 December 2009, the European Union succeeded the European Community ([WT/Let/679](#)).

	<i>Acceptance</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Notification</i>
Sweden (Signature subject to ratification)	13 Sep 1994		
Ratification	22 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Switzerland	15 Apr 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Tunisia (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
United States of America (Signature subject to ratification).....	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1
Uruguay (Signature subject to ratification)	15 Apr 1994		
Ratification	29 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995	WT/Let/4 WT/Let/4/Rev.1