

## RWED Minister Applauds Lifting of US Ban

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*YELLOWKNIFE (August 13, 2003)* – Minister of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development Jim Antoine is applauding the United States' decision to reopen its borders to wild meat from caribou, muskox, sheep and moose.

"This is welcome news for outfitters in the Northwest Territories as big game hunters will again be able to transport wild meat home to the United States," Mr. Antoine noted.

Mr. Antoine originally raised the issue with all agricultural Ministers in Vancouver in early June whereupon the federal government made the US government aware of the broad economic impacts of their ban.

The announcement of the partial lifting of the ban on Canadian beef and other products considered at low risk of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) was made Friday by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Meat from hunter-harvested animals can gain immediate entry into the U.S. under permit.

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