



Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments



#### **Canadian Food Inspection Agency**



#### Our vision:

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

#### Our mission:

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

#### Animal welfare in a bilateral trade policy framework

## EU-Canada Equivalency Agreement on Slaughter

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#### Trade European Union - Canada

## Canada:

- EU's 12th most important trading partner
- 1.6% of the EU's total external trade in 2011(€22.8bn; 2011)
  EU





- Canada's second most important trading partner, after the U.S.,
- 10.4% share of its total external trade (€29.6bn; 2011)

Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada and EU near completion.





## Microcosmos – Animal Health, Welfare and Food Safety

2001: EU-Canada Veterinary Agreement. Formal CFIA-EU SANCO forum for animal health and food safety.

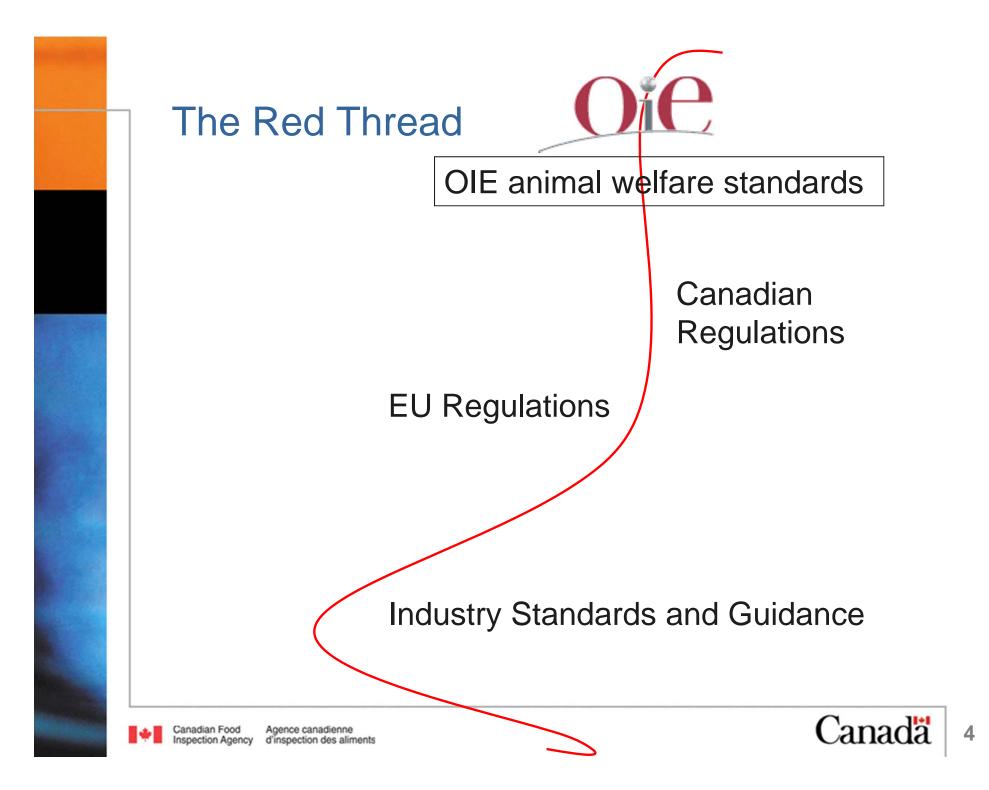
2004: Animal welfare included within the scope of the Canada-EC Veterinary Agreement.

2006: AW technical working group established; Detailed Terms of Reference, respecting each others' authorities and limitations

2010: Workshop on the welfare of animals at the time of slaughter; joint EU-Canada in Calgary



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## Why this is important

- AW standards are (or perceived) to be a cost factor
- Industry is (or perceives to be) disadvantaged when trade partners not held to similar, comparable, standards
- AW too important to become TBT



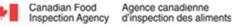
• AW too important to be a token in negotiations





### What has worked for us

- Open and timely discussion on AW topics
- Joint awareness and training session
- Understanding of each other's commitment and ways to address AW topics
- Understanding that "equal" is not necessarily "identical"
- Willingness to discuss and to learn
- Not losing sight of the goal betterment of the well being of animals





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