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Older cattle and beef can cross the U.S. border

After four-and-a-half years of being shut-out of the U.S., all Canadian cattle born on or after March 1, 1999 and beef products from cattle of any age are now allowed south.

Despite R-CALF's Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) motion that was filed with the U.S. District Court in South Dakota late on Nov. 16, cattle have been able to cross since Monday. If the Court had accepted it, it would have prevented Rule 2 from coming into effect until a hearing on R-CALF's request for a preliminary injunction could be heard.

Alberta Beef Producers is happy to see the border finally open to all cattle and beef, and looks forward to further trade with the rest of the world down the road.

The Canadian beef industry is committed to meeting both domestic and international animal health and food safety requirements. There are many safeguards in place to ensure food and animal safety, and Canada recently implemented an enhanced feed ban to accelerate the eradication of BSE in the Canadian herd.

With the U.S. border opening, it will help improve the industry's competitiveness.

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