



U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON

Finance

SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY, OF IOWA - CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors
Re: Mexico's antidumping order on beef
Da: Thursday, Oct. 30. 2003

Sen. Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Committee on Finance, today made the following comments regarding an announcement by the NAFTA panel reviewing Mexico's antidumping order on beef from the United States that its final decision has been postponed, yet again, this time until Dec. 31.

"I'm very concerned by this delay. From what I understand, the final decision was due last April, was then postponed until June, then August, then October, and now December. I'm confident that the panel will determine that Mexico's antidumping order does not comply with Mexico's NAFTA obligations. But as long as this order remains in place, U.S. beef exported to Mexico will remain subject to duties, and this is hurting cattle producers in Iowa and other states. This situation does little to build confidence in the NAFTA dispute settlement process."