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Ms. Susie Miller
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Dear Ms. Miller:

We have determined that Canada does not have a dispute resolution system that is comparable to the U.S. system established pursuant to the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA). Therefore, Canadian complainants filing formal reparation complaints against U.S. respondents must be treated the same as other foreign complainants utilizing PACA's reparation services. As of October 1, 2014, Canadian entities wishing to file a formal complaint against a PACA licensee must provide a surety bond prior to acceptance of the formal complaint for adjudication.

We recommend that you notify the appropriate Canadian entities about this issue. In addition, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) PACA Division will remain a resource for individual complainants as they move through the complaint process.

In the future, should Canada implement, administer, and enforce a dispute resolution system that is comparable to that established under PACA, the determination on the requirement of a bond may be revisited.

AMS is available to answer any questions you may have on this issue. Please contact me at Charles.Parrott@ams.usda.gov or at + 1-202-720-4722.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles W. Parrott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles W. Parrott
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cc: Fred Gorrell, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, AAFC
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