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Statement by Canada's Agri-Food Exporters on Aluminum Tariffs

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Dan Darling, President of the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance (CAFTA) today issued the following statement regarding tariffs on Canadian aluminum exports.

"On behalf of our members, we want to reaffirm the importance of predictable trade based on rules. Duty-free trade that occurs when government's respect their commitments to trade agreements is a win-win across leading sectors of the economy, including manufacturing and of course agri-food.

"Businesses throughout North America do best when they have certainty and stability. That is why the coming-into-force of CUSMA in July was welcome news for the agri-food sectors in Canada, Mexico and the United States.

"Because of our highly integrated supply chains, raising the cost of any inputs ultimately hurts consumers in all three countries by raising prices and limiting choices.

"We know that businesses, workers and families benefit most when trade is free and predictable. That is why CAFTA our agri-food counterparts across North America support lowering and eliminating trade barriers.

"We encourage governments to recognize how tariffs and unpredictability handicap exporters as they work on finding a solution to these issues. The best way to ensure we secure a strong, post-pandemic recovery is to keep predictable duty-free trade flowing."

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CAFTA is the voice of Canadian agriculture and agri-food exporters, representing the 90% of farmers who depend on trade and the ranchers, producers, processors and agri-food exporters who want to grow the economy through better access to international markets. This includes the beef, pork, meat, grains, cereals, pulses, soybeans, canola as well as the sugar, malt, and processed food industries. The sectors CAFTA represents support over a million jobs in urban and rural communities across Canada.

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