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## Hormone-free beef

### Agreement vindicates higher food standards in Europe

The European Parliament today adopted an agreement, bringing an end to a long-running dispute between the EU and the US on beef imports (1). Commenting on the agreement, Green MEP **José Bové**, who has followed the dispute throughout, said:

*"This vote finally draws a line under this long-running dispute between the EU and the US. At international level, it is a vindication of the Europe's higher food standards and the EU's resolve to face down the opposition of the US through the WTO."*

*"Under the terms of the deal, the US will be allowed to export an amount of high quality beef, which has not been treated with growth-hormones, to the EU, with the US lifting retaliatory restrictions on EU imports."*

*"Instead of a race to the bottom, we should be pushing for the highest standards of protection for our food quality and our environment at international level."*

(1) The EP voted to approve the Quisthoudt-Rowohl report on an autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef, which represents the final solution to the dispute.

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