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## U.S. Pork Regains Entry to Argentina for First Time Since 1992

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- Argentina has blocked imports of American pork since 1992, citing animal health concerns.
- On August 17, 2017, the White House <u>announced</u> that the United States and Argentina have agreed to terms that will allow U.S. pork to enter the Argentine market for the first time since 1992. The agreement follows an August 15, 2017 meeting between Vice President Mike Pence and President Mauricio Macri of Argentina during the Vice President's visit to Buenos Aires. President Trump first raised the issue with President Macri during their bilateral meeting at the White House on April 27, 2017.
- All fresh, chilled, and frozen pork and pork products from U.S. animals will be eligible for export to Argentina. Argentine food safety officials will visit the U.S. to conduct on-site verification of the U.S. meat inspection system, after which U.S. pork exports will resume pending resolution of any outstanding technical issues.
- The White House statement <u>notes</u> that the U.S. is the world's top pork exporter, and the agreement opens up a potential \$10-million-per-year market for U.S. pork producers.

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