

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we submit that quotas on canned, preserved and cooked frozen beef will injure domestic processors and lower income consumers, needlessly impair U.S. trade relations, damage the economies of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, all without benefit to domestic cattle producers.

APPENDIX 1

The products in question are covered by Tariff Schedule Items 107.40, 107.45, 107.50, 107.55 and 107.6040.

Tariff schedule item ¹	Tariff description	General description	Uses in United States	Percent of beef imports from South America in 1967
107.50	Beef prepared or preserved in airtight containers.	Canned beef, principally corned beef.	Retail sales; also used by U.S. producers in corned beef hash.	73.38
107.55 107.6040	Other beef and veal: Prepared and processed.	Cooked frozen beef.....	Processed by U.S. producers into frozen dinners, frozen meat pies, soups, etc.	25.81
107.40 107.45	Cured or pickled beef and veal.	Dried beef, etc.....	Retail sales.....	.81

¹ 1967 TSUSA imports, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade Report No. FT 246, table 2. None of the listed classifications apply to beef sausages, canned or otherwise.

APPENDIX 2

BEEF AND VEAL

Year	U.S. production (thousands of pounds)	Our imports	
		Pounds (in thousands)	Percent of U.S. production
1960.....	15,862,000	82,460	0.52
1961.....	16,369,000	106,090	.65
1962.....	16,337,000	97,159	.59
1963.....	17,382,000	126,351	.73
1964.....	19,466,000	91,334	.47
1965.....	19,744,000	111,995	.57
1966.....	20,635,000	123,390	.60
1967.....	21,010,000	134,968	.64

Source: Statistics of Livestock and Meat Products Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Continental Baking Company and its Morton Frozen Foods Division respectfully submit that any further restrictions or limitations on the importation of cooked or frozen beef would not be in the public interest.

Expert testimony is being given by the Meat Importers Council, the Meat Trade Institute, and the Coordinating Committee of Food Industries of New York. I thoroughly concur in these arguments and ask that they be given earnest consideration. I shall not duplicate this testimony, but rather would like to point out what such restrictions could mean to my own company, and to the consumers who purchase its products.

The Morton Division of Continental Baking Co. uses millions of pounds of beef annually, much of which is imported from Argentina in the form of cooked beef.