

# *World Trade Organization Favors Argentina in Trade Litigation with the United States*

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Buenos Aires, September 2 (PL-RHC)-- Argentinean Foreign Minister Hector Timerman has praised the World Trade Organization (WTO) decision which favored this country in litigation against the United States for banning imports of Argentinean beef.

The WTO decided in favor of a claim made by Buenos Aires and demanded Washington to lift the ban. "It is a great triumph for the country, but it's also a victory for livestock producers," Timerman said. After noting that the United States is one of the most protectionist countries in the world, the WTO ruled the U.S. ban had no scientific justification whatsoever. The United States had argued that the ban was necessary to protect its consumers from a disease that could be transmitted by beef. Then, the government with the support of the Institute of Promotion of Argentinean Exports (INIA) announced that Timerman assured the country will be able to resume meat exports to the U.S. market.

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