

PRESS RELEASE

New Zealand wins CPTPP Canada Dairy Dispute

New Zealand welcomes today's decision that the way Canada implements its dairy tariff rate quotas (TRQs) is not in keeping with its commitments under the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

New Zealand's High Commissioner to Canada, Martin Harvey, said that this is a significant moment: "It's an important recognition that our exporters have not had fair access to the Canadian dairy market in line with what we negotiated and paid for under CPTPP."

High Commissioner Harvey said that the report of the panel charged with ruling on the dispute makes clear that Canada's quota administration needs to change to bring Canada into compliance with CPTPP rules. Canada's dairy TRQs under CPTPP have been consistently under filled since entry-into-force in 2018. This has caused real losses for New Zealand exporters.

High Commissioner Harvey noted that Aotearoa New Zealand has regularly pointed out to the Government of Canada its concerns with how Canada is administering its TRQs. "The outcome of the panel process leaves Canada no choice but to finally make TRQs available to those market players who have an incentive to use them," he said.

"It is now time for Canada to do the right thing and make the changes required to allow its TRQs to be fully utilised."

High Commissioner Harvey expressed confidence that the outcome of this dispute would not take away from the excellent relationship between Aotearoa New Zealand and Canada. "It is a good example of how dispute settlement chapters in Free Trade Agreements are meant to work. It's an outcome that supports our shared commitment to a rules-based international trading system, and a good day for CPTPP."

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