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The closing of the border in May 2003 included the camelid (alpacas and llamas). I have read that OIE does not consider the camelid as concern as far as BSE is concerned. Do you have any imminent plans to release the camelid from the current ban? I would appreciate your reply to this.

There are alpacas that were in Canada for late spring/summer hiatus, being bred, or were purchased and are not able to come home. I realize that this livestock is a small number in relationship to the other ruminant/ruminant-type population, but none the less as important to our breeders. Thank you for your response. May I hear back from you on this issue? On behalf of a grateful nation we thank you for being diligent for us. The alpaca industry is very cognizant of keeping our farms healthy and safe; every breeder strives for perfection in this area.

Regards

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