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CPMA pleased with USITC finding of no injury in blueberry import investigation

February 11, 2021 (Ottawa, ON) – The Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA) is pleased with today's United States International Trade Commission (USITC) finding of no serious injury in its Section 201 Safeguard Investigation of blueberry imports into the United States.

Following this morning's vote, the USITC issued a notice stating that the Commission "has determined that *Fresh, Chilled, or Frozen Blueberries* are not being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or threat of serious injury, to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article in the United States. As a result, the investigation will end, and the Commission will not recommend a remedy to the President."

"We are extremely pleased with the results of today's USITC vote and the determination that there is no serious injury being caused by blueberry imports into the United States," said CPMA President Ron Lemaire. "CPMA applauds the hard work of the Government of Canada and the Canadian blueberry industry in achieving this result."

The USITC is currently conducting fact-finding investigations into imports of bell peppers, strawberries, cucumbers and squash, which are due to be wrapped up this spring.

"The fresh produce sector is deeply integrated across North America. We are hopeful that today's USITC finding will lead to similar findings in the Commission's ongoing fact-finding investigations", said Lemaire. "The Canadian fresh fruit and vegetable industry is eager to continue our strong trading relationship with the United States."

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About the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA):

Based in Ottawa, Ontario, CPMA is a not-for-profit organization that represents a diverse membership made up of every segment of the produce industry supply chain who are responsible for 90% of the fresh fruit and vegetable sales in Canada. CPMA is fortunate to represent a sector that is both a

significant economic driver for communities and that also improves the health and productivity of Canadians.