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## South Korea lifts ban on U.S. beef

South Korea has agreed to reopen its market to U.S. beef if a ban is maintained on cattle over the age of 30 months, as well as parts of the cow at higher risk for Mad Cow Disease (including the spine, kidneys and other organs). U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab and Korean Trade Minister Kim Jong-hoon hammered out the deal in an extended negotiation on U.S. soil during the week of July 18. The Korean government has proceeded with reopening their market, and beef stored in Korean warehouses is being inspected for release to the public. Supporters of the ban have continued to protest the importation of U.S. beef.

- **SKorean leader calls for end to beef dispute**  
Associated Press, July 3, 2008  
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## McCain visits Colombia

Focus returned to the U.S. - Colombia Free Trade Agreement this week as John McCain visited Colombia. Civil society groups and Members of Congress used the

renewed international attention on the proposed agreement to highlight the human rights situation in the country.

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Council on Hemispheric Affairs, June 27, 2008  
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The Hill, June 24, 2008  
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## **U.S. Places First-Ever Duties on Chinese Imports; U.S., China Hold Strategic Economic Dialogue**

For the first time, the U.S. International Trade Panel ruled that U.S. steel pipe makers were being harmed by unfair subsidies and government tax breaks for Chinese producers. The Panel determined these practices to be allowing Chinese producers to dump pipes on the U.S. market below the cost of production for their U.S. counterparts. The U.S. is responding by placing duties on the imported pipes.

This action comes just after the conclusion of the most recent round of the Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED). A series of talks led by U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan, the SED was initiated in December 2006 to address problems in the two nations' trade relationship.

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Wall Street Journal, June 16, 2008  
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