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EU Trade spokesman John Clancy stated:

The EU **regrets** the decision by the Russian authorities to ban a number of Moldovan meat exports (processed beef, horse meat, lamb and pork according to media reports) on what is coincidentally the same day that the Moldovan Parliament ratified the EU-Moldova AA/DCFTA agreement (Wednesday 2nd July 2014).

We will be in contact with our Moldovan partners to gather the full facts surrounding this ban by the Russian authorities and we look forward to a very speedy resolution to this issue between Moscow and Chisinau **in line with WTO rules**.

The EU recalls that the EU-Moldovan AA/DCFTA is fully compatible with Moldova-Russian preferential trade arrangements and that there is no negative impact on these trade arrangements whatsoever. In fact, the European Union would call on both sides to continue strengthening their trade relationship for the benefit of the people, consumers and economies of Moldova and Russia.

Yesterday's ratification by the Moldovan Parliament **of the AA/DCFTA** is proof of the democratic choice of the Moldovan people to strengthen their ties with the EU and we now look forward to the implementation of the AA/DCFTA expected in the autumn (1st October).