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1 Statement of Serious Injury.

The serious injury to my 95 sow piggery business as a result of low pig prices over the last 6 months caused by pork imports is as follows;

We have an increased farm debt of \$165,000 which was a loan taken out to build a grower facility, we have not been able to make repayments due to the lower prices, expansion has stopped mid stream as finances have dried up.

No resources to maintain repairs.

We are financially unable to purchase future grain needs in 4 mths time to continue feeding the pigs we do have and will therefore have to reduce stock numbers.

I can no longer predict future pig prices and trends, and this has severely limited my ability to plan future production.

2. Recommended Safeguards to be Applied.

A temporary (4) year quota of some 5,000 tonnes and an out-of quota tariff of \$2/kg is essential to provide the breathing space needed for orderly adjustment and development of a more efficient, internationally competitive industry.

Yours faithfully
Stuart C Hint