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Paul's summary

This past week, the US Department of Agriculture confirmed a case of "mad cow" disease in California, **sparkling** alarming **concerns** among Korean consumers. Consequently, large supermarket chains have since temporarily **suspended** selling US beef in their stores. Mad cow disease, or formally known as BSE, is a brain disease that can be **passed onto humans** if **ingested**.

Despite calls from political parties and civic protests to **halt the import of US beef into Korea**, the current administration is **standing firm in its decision** to continue importing US beef. Government officials stated that the single case of mad cow disease was from a 10-year old **dairy cow** which excludes it from the kind of beef that is imported into Korea.

The government had promised, back in 2008, to stop imports of US beef if mad cow disease ever **breaks out**. The presidential office has issued an official statement saying there is no apparent health risk based on international standards, as Canada, Japan, and Europe continues to import American beef. In order to **quell concerns**, the government has sent an independent team to the United States to investigate the extent of the mad cow **infection**. Though critics have labeled the current **beef scare** as an overreaction, the public is still questioning if the **government is putting the people's interests first**.

Key Words

1. 판매를 일시 중단하다 suspended selling US beef
2. 사람에게 전염되다 passed onto humans
3. 미국산 쇠고기 수입을 중단하다 halt the import of US beef into Korea
4. 입장에 변화가 없다 standing firm in its decision
5. 발병하다 break out
6. 감염 infection
7. 정부가 국민의 이익을 최우선으로 삼다 the government is putting the people's interests first
8. 광우병에 걸릴까 봐 두려워하다 scared about getting mad cow disease
9. 미국산 쇠고기에 대한 나쁜 이미지 stigma against the U.S. beef
10. 광우병 위험물질을 사람이 섭취하게 되다 mad cow disease gets in the human food chain; mad cow disease enters the human food chain
11. 광우병 발생 mad cow disease outbreak
12. 예외적인 경우 isolated case
13. 감염의 가능성이 낮다 the chances of infection are very low
14. 검역 quarantine inspection
15. 말을 바꾸다, 약속을 지키지 않다 backtrack on one's promise; backtrack on one's words; not make good on one's words; go back on one's words; be a hypocrite
16. 정부는 미국과의 관계보다 국민의 안전을 더 우선시 해야 한다 the government should put the interest of the public before the relationship with the U.S.
17. 무역 마찰을 피하다 avoid a trade conflict
18. 국민들의 미국산 쇠고기에 대한 우려를 불식시킬 때까지 until the people are reassured of the safety of U.S. beef; reassured that U.S. beef is safe; until all the concerns of U.S. beef have been addressed; until the people calm down from the U.S. beef scare
19. 2008년의 재판이 되다 relive 2008 again; déjà vu for the President all over again

More Key Words

1. 섭취하다 ingest
2. 젖소 dairy cow

3. 우려를 가라앉히다 quell concerns
4. (미국산) 쇠고기에 대한 공포 beef scare