

Mexico introduces ban

Mexico has introduced a ban on the import and export of all marine mammals as well as any parts or products made from them. Mexico's ban is highly significant as it is a member of the North American Free Trade Agreement, an organisation of which Canada is also a member.

Mexico joins the USA, Belgium, Luxembourg and Greenland who have already banned the import of seal products. Italy and the Netherlands have also taken action to initiate bans.

At an adjournment debate in the House of Commons on 14 February, Trade Minister Ian Pearson said that he would ask his officials to speak with their counterparts in countries where the trade in seal products is banned.