APPENDIX B

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

The following individuals interviewed were selected on the basis of their expertise in the key areas related to international trade, scientific risk assessment, and pathogen regulation policies in U.S. and France.

Expertise in Scientific Risk Assessment:

1. Dr. Nell Ahl, PhD, DVM. Director of the USDA Office of Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis. Provided information on the role of science reflected in the SPS agreement and the impact of risk uncertainty on the overall value of hazard assessments.

2. Mr. Michael McElvaine. DVM, MPH. Public Health Scientist at the USDA Office of Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis. Provided information on the ongoing debate between the U.S. and France over the use of pasteurization to control *listeria*. Also provided general scientific background on the health consequences associated with pathogens and the existing risk mitigation strategies used to control such risks in the U.S.

Expertise in the Economic and Environmental Issues Driving the SPS Agreement:

3. Ms. Nicole Ballenger. Assistant Administrator of the USDA Economic Research Service. Provided information on the debates between the trade protectionists, environmentalists, and trade promoters driving the development of the SPS agreement in 1995. Discussed the importance of science in helping all the parties understand the conflicting issues.

Expertise in Administrative and Substantive Issues Addressed by the Codex Committees:

4. Mr. Patrick Clerkin. Associate U.S. Manager for Codex. Provided information on the structure of different Codex committees responsible for dealing with various food safety issues. Provided specific information pertaining to the Codex committees involved in developing international safety standards for milk and dairy products.

Expertise in Pathogen Regulation Policies at FDA:

5. Mr. Jack Mowbray. Public Health Scientist at the FDA’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Provided background on the establishment of the pasteurization regulation and why it’s important for the U.S. to uphold it in the international arena.

Expertise in Food Safety Policies at the French Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries:

6. Mr. Paul A. Mennecier, D.V.M. Deputy Counselor for Agriculture at the Embassy of France. Provided information on the role of government experts in controlling pathogens and monitoring food-borne outbreaks through a national surveillance network.