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NEWS from **U.S. Senator Bob Dole**

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Senator Bob Dole announced he had been informed late this afternoon by the Consumer Product Safety Commission that the decision to ban firecrackers and other fireworks devices not conforming to specified safety standards will not become effective until a public hearing is held on the matter.

Dole had received a number of complaints regarding the Commission's regulation published May 16, which banned the sale of such fireworks effective 30 days from that date. Dole noted the industry is in favor of banning items causing injuries, but did not feel it equitable to ban an imported seasonal item just prior to the selling season when stocks are already on hand, were purchased legally, and met existing Federal requirements.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission voted late this afternoon to accept a petition asking for public hearings on the subject. "This means", Dole said, that "consequently, the ban will not go into effect before this year's Fourth of July celebration".