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WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 31, 1970 -- The embargo on transshipments of meat imports through third-party nations into the United States will continue in 1971, Senator Bob Dole said today.

Senator Dole made the statement after being informed by the Department of Agriculture that agreement had been reached with Australia and New Zealand on restricting meat imports to direct shipments to the U.S. . Until July of last year certain nations were avoiding meat import limits by transshipping meat bound for U.S. markets through Canada. At the time the embargo was initiated in July these nations had exceeded their import limits by more than 25.9 million pounds by use of transshipping arrangements.

"This is good news to livestock men in Kansas and throughout the nation, for transshipments will now be included under the Meat Import Act and will not be a threat to market prices as they were in the first seven months of 1970.