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DOLE SCORES END OF EUROPEAN DAIRY SUBSIDIES

Washington, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today hailed the suspension of export subsidies on dairy products by the European Economic Community as a long needed step to give American dairy farmers a chance to compete fairly.

"I have long sought to get countervailing duties established under this Administration and previous Administrations," Dole said. "The Department of the Treasury has assured me that if dairy export subsidies are reinstated by the Europeans, proceedings will be initiated immediately by the Department to establish countervailing duties."

The suspension of subsidies by the Europeans was done on a temporary basis and apparently in reaction to a pending court order requiring the U.S. Department of the Treasury to establish countervailing duties. While the end of export subsidies will permit American dairy farmers to compete more fairly against European products shipped to this country, it does not give American producers fair access to European markets.

In separate action late yesterday on the Senate floor, Dole urged that action on the Trade Bill be completed so that a better trade position for dairy and other agriculture products can be negotiated with other nations.

Dole noted that the initiation of countervailing duty proceedings by the Treasury Department was the first official recognition that export subsidies are being used by the Europeans and that this recognition should facilitate future U.S. retaliatory actions, if necessary.