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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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EXPORT PRIOR APPROVAL SYSTEM TERMINATED

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today praised the Administration for termination of the export prior approval system for agricultural commodities. Dole, who has repeatedly urged removal of the system that was implemented October 7, 1974, said that farmers could now plant their crops knowing that "this discriminating policy of discouraging farm exports has been halted."

On March 5, Dole had introduced legislation that would have prohibited the export prior approval system. At that time he said he hoped "introduction of the measure will spur the Administration and the Departments of Agriculture and Treasury to act rapidly and independently to cancel the regulation requiring approval of export commodity sales prior to the actual sale and delivery."

Dole said the prior approval system has "denied farmers--in Kansas and elsewhere-- a fair chance to compete in the market because the Federal government's prior export approval system discourages foreign buyers from buying the grain they want."

"I am hopeful that termination of this discriminating policy will aid the agricultural commodities market which has reached disastrous lows recently," Dole said. "Cancellation of numerous foreign grain sales has certainly contributed to these depressed farm commodity prices and many of those cancelled grain sales were due in part, if not entirely, to the federal government's prior approval export system."