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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

President Ford has signed a Proclamation today removing quantitative restrictions on imports of live cattle, pork and hogs from Canada as the two countries move toward restoration of an open border in livestock trade.

The President's action was in response to removal by the Canadian Government of limitations on the importation of cattle from the United States. Both actions will be effective on August 7.

The President's Proclamation removes restrictions imposed in November 1974 in response to restrictive action taken by the Canadian Government in August 1974. Under the restrictions just lifted, annual imports from Canada had been limited to 17,000 head of cattle, 50,000 hogs and 36 million pounds of pork. The Canadians had limited imports of U.S. slaughter cattle to 82,835 head annually. During the period from 1969-73, the United States imported from Canada an average of 64 million pounds of pork, 67,000 hogs and 220,000 feeder cattle annually, while exporting 35 million pounds of pork, 2,500 hogs and 80,000 head of slaughter cattle annually.

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