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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

MEAT IMPORT QUOTA

The President today issued a Proclamation imposing a quota on meat imports for calendar year 1976 under the Meat Import Act. The quota was set at 1,233 million pounds -- the trigger point under the Act for the imposition of quotas in 1976.

The President's action was based on an estimate by Acting Secretary of Agriculture John A. Knebel that calendar year 1976 imports of meat subject to the Meat Import Act would total 1,250 million pounds. The Department of Agriculture estimate was 17 million pounds above the level requiring the imposition of quotas under the Act.

In recent years, imports of meats covered by the Act have accounted for about 6 percent of U. S. consumption. This proportion will remain approximately the same under the import quota announced today. The United States will undertake consultations on the details of the program with countries supplying meat to the U. S. within the next few days.

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