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## EU BEEF AGREEMENT

OAKLAND, CA – National Meat Association wishes to applaud the hard work of the U.S. Trade Representative's office in reaching a provisional agreement today with the European Union (EU) on the trade of beef from cattle not treated with growth promoting hormones.

"This agreement is a step in the right direction. Although it does not resolve the EU's 20 year ban on beef from cattle treated with growth promoting hormones, it does provide an opportunity for an expansion of beef trade," said NMA CEO Barry Carpenter.

Currently, the EU allows 11,500 metric tons of high-quality, grain-fed beef imports each year from the U.S. Upon approval, this new agreement provides for an additional 20,000 metric tons at zero duty. After three years, it will allow an additional 25,000 metric tons. Also, the U.S. has reserved the authority to reinstate carousel duties on EU exports to the United States if the terms of the agreement are not met.

National Meat Association is a non-profit trade association. Since 1946, NMA has represented meat packers and processors, equipment manufacturers and food suppliers who provide services to the meat industry. The association has members throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Australia and Mexico.