

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

Proclamation 4272

February 26, 1974

Quantitative Limitation on the Importation of Certain Meats into the United States

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS section 2(a) of the act of August 22, 1964 (78 Stat. 594, 19 U.S.C. 1202 note) (hereinafter referred to as "the act"), declares that it is the policy of the Congress that the aggregate quantity of the articles specified in item 106.10 (relating to fresh, chilled, or frozen cattle meat) and item 106.20 (relating to fresh, chilled, or frozen meat of goats and sheep (except lambs)) of the Tariff Schedules of the United States (hereinafter referred to as "meat") which may be imported into the United States in any calendar year beginning after December 31, 1964, shall not exceed a quantity to be computed as prescribed in that section (hereinafter referred to as "adjusted base quantity"); and

19 USC 1202.

WHEREAS section 2(b) of the act provides that the Secretary of Agriculture for each calendar year after 1964 shall estimate and publish the adjusted base quantity for such calendar year and shall estimate and publish quarterly the aggregate quantity of meat which, in the absence of the limitations under the act, would be imported during such calendar year (hereinafter referred to as "potential aggregate imports"); and

WHEREAS the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to sections 2 (a) and (b) of the act, estimated the adjusted base quantity of meat for the calendar year 1974 to be 1,027.9 million pounds and estimated the potential aggregate imports of meat for 1974 to be 1,575.0 million pounds; and

WHEREAS the potential aggregate imports of meat for the calendar year 1974, as estimated by the Secretary of Agriculture, exceeds 110 percent of the adjusted base quantity of meat for the calendar year 1974 estimated by the Secretary of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS no limitation under the act is in effect with respect to the calendar year 1974; and

WHEREAS section 2(c)(1) of the act requires the President in such circumstances to limit by proclamation the total quantity of meat which may be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, during the calendar year, to the adjusted base quantity estimated for such calendar year by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to section 2(b)(1) of the act; and

19 USC 1202
note.

WHEREAS section 2(d) of the act provides that the President may suspend the total quantity proclaimed pursuant to section 2(c) of the act if he determines and proclaims that such action is required by overriding economic or national security interests of the United States, giving special weight to the importance to the Nation of the economic well-being of the domestic livestock industry; and

WHEREAS section 2(d) of the act further provides that such suspension shall be for such period as the President determines and proclaims to be necessary to carry out the purposes of section 2(d);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me as President and pursuant to section 2 of the act, do hereby proclaim as follows:

(1) In conformity with and as required by section 2(c)(1) of the act, the total quantity of the articles specified in item 106.10 (relating to fresh, chilled, or frozen cattle meat) and item 106.20 (relating to fresh, chilled, or frozen meat of goats and sheep (except lambs)) of part 2B, schedule 1 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States which may be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the calendar year 1974, is limited to 1,027.9 million pounds.

19 USC 1202.

(2) It is hereby determined pursuant to section 2(d) of the act that the suspension of the limitation proclaimed in paragraph (1) is required by overriding economic interests of the United States, giving special weight to the importance to the Nation of the economic well-being of the domestic livestock industry.

(3) The limitation proclaimed in paragraph (1) is suspended during the calendar year 1974 unless, because of changed circumstances, it becomes necessary to take further action under the act. It is hereby determined necessary that such suspension shall be for such period in order to carry out the purposes of section 2(d) of the act.

¹⁹ USC 1202
note.

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RICHARD NIXON

Proclamation 4273

February 27, 1974

Red Cross Month, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Millions of Americans each year pledge themselves to assist the humanitarian causes of the American Red Cross. By so doing, they are being good neighbors—assuring that help is available for themselves and their fellow Americans in time of need.

Red Cross volunteers serve human needs on many fronts. Their efforts assure the availability of blood to care for the ill and injured and provide funds to carry out a far-reaching program of blood research. They make it possible to arm Americans with the knowledge to save lives through courses in basic nursing skills, first aid and water safety. Through their efforts, veterans are assisted in adjusting to civilian life, the elderly in gaining government food and financial benefits, and the drug abuser in returning to a meaningful place in society. And each year the American Red Cross aids thousands upon thousands of our fellow citizens who have suffered the consequences of natural disasters and brings comfort to patients in military hospitals and homes for the aged.

These vital services of the American Red Cross are financed primarily by voluntary contributions and I urge every American to support the American Red Cross and help provide it with the resources it will need to continue its service to our people.