

# National Milk Producers Federation Board of Directors Meeting

## March 8, 2016 Resolutions

### Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) Board Resolution

WHEREAS the current state of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership negotiations indicate a deeply concerning lack of progress in concretely addressing various SPS and other nontariff barriers of concern to the U.S. dairy industry, and

WHEREAS the EU continues its insistence on maintaining nontariff barriers to U.S. common name products as well as erecting new ones around the world, and

WHEREAS failure to adequately address the EU's longstanding use of these barriers to trade would exacerbate the existing U.S. dairy trade deficit with the EU of over \$1 billion...

**The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) hereby:**

*Opposes any further advancement of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations that does not include fully addressing U.S. dairy export concerns related to SPS, TBT and common names issues.*

### Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Board Resolution

WHEREAS the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a regional trade agreement designed to establish the rules of trade across a bloc of key Pacific region countries and ultimately expand to include additional markets; and

WHEREAS the agreement includes new measures to mitigate the negative impact of non-tariff trade barriers that restrict US exports in the areas of commonly-used descriptive terms on dairy products (geographical indications/GIs) and sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) rules; and

WHEREAS the agreement will not achieve the degree of new market access sought by the US dairy industry into the tightly restricted markets of Japan and Canada, but neither does it grant the degree of access to the US market sought by US trade competitors, resulting in a market access outcome that is effectively neutral; and

WHEREAS U.S. trade competitors have concluded their own agreements with key markets and are continuing to negotiate new ones which could disadvantage U.S. suppliers in priority markets if the U.S. lacks a clear and offensive trade policy in the Pacific region...

**The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) hereby resolves to support the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement.**

*NMPF further resolves that the TPP market access outcome is not an acceptable template for future U.S. trade agreements given the overriding importance of securing comprehensive market access for U.S. exports, particularly into countries with high levels of tariff protection.*

*In addition, to ensure that the terms of the agreement meriting NMPF's support are fully realized, we insist that the U.S. government make certain that the following specific steps are taken in the treaty's pre-approval period:*

- *Assures that hard-won TPP market access, SPS and GI commitments are not undermined by key trading partners; and*
- *Establish proper enforcement measures regarding access granted to the U.S. market, and monitor compliance with those measures.*