

National Milk Producers Federation Board of Directors Meeting

June 14, 2017 Resolutions

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Modernization Board Resolution

WHEREAS exports are extremely important to U.S. dairy farmers and companies, accounting for nearly 15% of U.S. milk production, \$5 billion in sales annually and up to 100,000 jobs in areas tied to dairy farming and processing, and

WHEREAS the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has been a boon to the U.S. dairy industry, supporting tens of thousands of farm and dairy manufacturing jobs, as well as those in related industries, and

WHEREAS Mexico has been a vital and steadfast trading partner that purchases over \$1 billion in dairy products from the U.S. each year thanks to the special relationship enjoyed by U.S. suppliers under NAFTA, and

WHEREAS despite this success with Mexico, Canada has presented a continual challenge through its persistent exorbitant dairy tariffs and pervasive use of policy tools aimed at thwarting dairy trade, and

WHEREAS Canada's new pricing scheme is harming both bilateral trade and U.S. milk powder export opportunities to other global markets, and

WHEREAS the Administration has initiated a process to modernize the most important U.S. free trade agreement...

The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) hereby:

Supports preserving the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in such a way that safeguards the trade opportunities already established with our NAFTA partners and prioritizes the pursuit of new provisions designed to:

- *Decisively confront Canada's habitual use of policy tools to distort dairy trade, particularly through a requirement that Canada eliminate the recently implemented Class 6 and 7 pricing schemes that are harming bilateral and global dairy trade;*
- *Open the Canadian dairy market to U.S. exports; and*
- *Establish more dependable trading conditions particularly as they relate to preserving market access opportunities for common name products, and strengthening rules related to SPS commitments with both countries.*