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On Oct. 30, the Costa Rican Milk Producers Association formally requested that the government suspend all Panamanian dairy product imports. The request was supported by Costa Rica's Chamber of Industries and by the Food Industry Association. Costa Rican milk producers say Panamanian counterparts are importing milk products and then selling them at artificially low prices in Costa Rica. Representatives of the two governments met recently to discuss trade issues. According to Costa Rican milk producers, however, the two sides failed to resolve the dispute over dairy product imports to Costa Rica due to pressure by two multilateral companies which operate in Panama. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 10/30/91)

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