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## DANISH IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON GRAINS

### United States Complaint under Article XXIII:2

The following communication has been received from the Mission of the United States, with the request that this item be added to the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

In recent years Denmark has imposed import restrictions amounting to virtual embargoes on barley, oats, and sorghum which have had the effect of reducing Denmark's imports of these grains from the United States from a level of 256,000 metric tons in 1964-65 to only 8,000 metric tons in 1968-69. On 1 July 1970 the earlier Danish embargo on grains for feed use was extended to corn.

These embargoes are in violation of GATT Article XI.

The United States has made written representation to the Danish Government in April and June of this year concerning the embargo on corn as well as Danish restrictions on other feed grains. Consultations between the two Governments have unfortunately not led to any satisfactory adjustment.

The United States accordingly requests the CONTRACTING PARTIES, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article XXIII, promptly to investigate this situation and make recommendations or give a ruling as appropriate.