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NORWEGIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS FOR VENISON (DEER MEAT)

The following communication, dated 4 July 1972, has been received from the Acting Permanent Representative of Norway.

Norwegian imports of venison (deer meat) have increased to an alarming extent during the last few years, causing acute problems both as to price and sales of Norwegian reindeer meat.

The Norwegian authorities have therefore been obliged to introduce as from 1 July 1972, on a temporary basis and in accordance with the GATT Article XI:2(c)(ii), a global annual import quota for venison (deer meat) of 25 tons. According to Norwegian statistics, the imports of deer meat were 23 tons in 1970, 102 tons in 1971 and 34 tons during the two first months of 1972.

Steps have been taken to remove the temporary domestic surplus of reindeer meat. To this effect the Norwegian authorities have so far made available NKr 750,000 - in support of sales of this product. These efforts will continue.