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## GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

### EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - EMERGENCY ACTION ON CERTAIN BOVINE MEAT

The following communication, dated 24 February 1974, has been received from the Commission of the European Communities.

I have the honour to advise you, for the information of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, that the Commission of the European Communities has decided to take emergency action in respect of certain bovine meat for a period of one month.

To this end, Regulations (EEC) Nos. 442/74 of 22 February 1974 and 462/74 of 25 February 1974 have been adopted and will be in force until 24 March inclusive.

This emergency action has been taken under Article 21 of Regulation (EEC) No. 805/68 of the Council, of 27 June 1968, on the common organization of markets in the bovine meat sector. It constitutes an exception of a temporary character from the normal régime applied by the EEC to imports of these products. The two regulations adopted this month provide, for the duration of the exception, that imports into the Community of live animals and certain meat of the bovine species will be subject to presentation of an import certificate, issued by the member States to any party so requesting.

Nevertheless, under the emergency action, no certificate will be issued for imports of edible meat of the domestic bovine species, fresh or chilled, falling within sub-heading 02.01 A II (a) 1 of the common customs tariff, intended to be put into free circulation in France and Italy as from 23 February 1974, and in Belgium and Luxembourg as from 26 February 1974.

With respect to products arriving immediately after the application of the import suspension at the frontiers of the member States concerned, the Commission has adopted a regulation allowing their admission during the first two working days of application of the safeguard measures.

The reason for this temporary action is the imminent threat of aggravation of the particularly difficult situation existing for some time already in the bovine meat market.

The Commission declares its readiness to enter into consultation with contracting parties having a substantial interest as exporters to the Community market that may wish to examine this action with it.

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