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Addendum

The following communication, dated 2 May 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 live animals of the domestic bovine species other than pure-bred breeding animals and likewise in respect of all edible meat of the domestic bovine species for a period of six days.

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To this end, Regulation (EEC) No. 1028/74 of 29 April 1974 has been adopted, temporarily suspending from 30 April to 6 May inclusive the issue of import and prefixing certificates in the bovine meat sector.

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, as a temporary exception from the normal régime applied by the Community to imports of these products in pursuance of Articles 12 bis and 15 of the aforementioned Regulation.

These measures do not affect the validity of certificates issued prior to 30 April.

The reason for this temporary and exceptional action is the threat of aggravation of the particularly difficult situation existing for some time already in the Community market for bovine meat, and in order to allow the competent authorities of the Community to take the necessary action as soon as possible to remedy this situation.

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.