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## EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - EMERGENCY ACTION ON PEACHES

The following communication, datea 8 July 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, by Regulation No. 1723 of 3.7.1974, published in Official Journal L 181 of 4.7.1974, has decided to suspend the admission to free pratique in France of peaches other than nectarines (sub-heading No. ex 08.07 b of the Common Customs Tariff) originating in third countries.

This suspension is applicable for the period from 4-11 July 1974.

The reason for this action is serious disruption in the French market for peaches by reason in particular of a concentration of imports which are normally spread over a much longer period. This concentration is the result of weather conditions that have caused certain early and semi-early varieties to reach maturity later than usual.

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.