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### Emergency Action Concerning Preserved Mushrooms

The following communication, dated 17 September 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 by Regulation (EEC) No. 2107/74 of 8 August 1974 (OJ No. L 218/74), the Commission of the European Communities has decided to take emergency action with effect from 26 August 1974 in respect of preserved mushrooms.

The reason for the recourse to this action is that massive imports from third countries at very low prices have been taking place, causing serious prejudice to Community producers.

The above-mentioned Regulation provides that all imports of preserved mushrooms (Common Customs Tariff sub-heading No. 20.02) into the Community from third countries are subject to the submission of an import licence.

Import licences are issued by the member States for quantities of products that are determined by the Commission on the basis of applications presented each week and in relation with a certain reference quantity. An import licence is not required, however, for imports from third countries that effectively guarantee observance of a minimum price on importation into the Community.

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

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