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SWITZERLAND - EMERGENCY ACTION IN REGARD TO BOTTLED WHITE WINE

Addendum

Extension of Emergency Action

The following communication, dated 19 December 1975, has been received from the delegation of Switzerland.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of the contracting parties, the following communication:

On 26 May last, as may be seen from document L/4181 of 9 June 1975, the Federal Council found itself obliged to take the necessary action, on a temporary basis, in order to keep imports of bottled quality white wines recognized as specialities (tariff heading No. ex 2205.30) in 1975 within the limits of those in 1974.

In view of the fact that these provisions took effect only at the end of the first half of 1975, it was not possible to achieve the annual objective envisaged. Indeed, the volume of actual imports in 1975 was well in excess of that for 1974. The Federal Council finds itself obliged, therefore, to extend for 1976, still on a temporary basis, the action taken for 1975. Taking into account, in particular, the fact that the objectives set for 1975 have been exceeded, imports in 1976 should not represent more than 65 per cent of actual imports in 1974.

The Federal Council reserves the possibility of suspending this régime earlier than planned, in the light of market trends.

Prior to the entry into force of the measures described above, scheduled for 1 January 1976, they have been communicated to interested exporting countries through the customary bilateral channels.