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ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY AUSTRIA

Certain Types of Cement and Certain Preparations Containing Cement

Addendum

The following communication, dated 14 April 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Austria.

On 1 February 1993 Austria has taken an emergency action under Article XIX in respect of imports of certain types of cement and certain preparations containing cement. This measure provides for the introduction of country specific quotas of imports of 300,000 tonnes in total for an eleven-month period starting on 1 February 1993. The contracting parties have been informed of this measure. The relevant information is laid down in GATT-Documents L/6899/Add.4 of 10 March 1993.

In addition to this measure Austria is now introducing a global quota of 100,000 tonnes for a twelve-month period starting on 15 April 1993. The product coverage of the global quota is the same as defined in the previous communication contained in the GATT-Documents mentioned above.

Imports of the concerned products originating in the EC- or the EFTA-Member States are exempt from this measure.

Imports of the concerned products from sources not subject to the measure taken on 1 February increased considerably during the last few months. The objectives of the new measure are to prevent imports at price levels lower than those for similar products obtained in Austria as well as in such increased quantities, causing serious injury to domestic producers and disturbances on the Austrian market. Furthermore, the new measure is designated to hinder circumvention of the measure taken on 1 February 1993.

Austria is prepared to enter into consultations under Article XIX with any contracting party having a substantial interest in exporting the concerned products to the Austrian market.

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The details of this measure are contained in an Ordinance of the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs.

An official English translation of the text of the Ordinance of the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs will be notified shortly.