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ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY AUSTRIA

Certain Types of Fertilizers

Emergency Action

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

Austria is taking emergency action under Article XIX in respect of imports of certain types of fertilizers. This measure provides for the introduction of a global quota of imports of 60,000 tonnes in total for a twelve-month period starting on 15 April 1993. Imports of the concerned products originating in the EC- or the EFTA- Member States are exempt from this measure.

The products concerned by this measure are defined as follows:

- 3102 40 - Mixtures of ammonium nitrate with calcium carbonate or other inorganic non-fertilizing substances.
- 3105 20 - Mineral or chemical fertilizers containing the three fertilizing elements nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

The objectives of this 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.

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.

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.