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ADJUSTMENT ACT

Additional Imports of Non-Fat Dry Milk

The following communication, dated 18 May 1973, has been submitted by the United States mission in Geneva.

I have been asked by my authorities to inform you that the President of the United States acting under the emergency provisions of section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act has issued a proclamation authorizing, effective 11 May, the entry of an additional 60 million pounds of non-fat dry milk for a temporary period ending 30 June 1973.

The emergency action has been taken because the non-fat dry milk supply situation has again become critical. The serious supply shortage on non-fat dry milk commenced to develop late in 1972 when the decline in the processing of non-fat dry milk during the seasonally low production period was greater than normal. To meet this situation an emergency presidential proclamation was issued at the end of December permitting an additional 25 million pounds, supplementing the annual quota of 1.8 million pounds to enter during the period beginning 30 December and ending 15 February 1973. It had been expected that the additional importations would fill the gap until non-fat dry milk production increased seasonally during the spring months. The expected gain in production have not materialized and consumption has been higher than anticipated.

Imports will be entered against the 60 million pound supplemental quota on a first-come first-served basis and no import licences will be required. The maximum amount an individual importer may enter, however, is limited to 2.5 million pounds.

The regular annual import quota of 1.8 million pounds remains in force and is not modified by any provision of the emergency presidential proclamation. Moreover, entries under that quota continue to be subject to a licensing requirement.

The emergency action will, as provided by section 22, be subject to an investigation and report to the President by the United States Tariff Commission. The Tariff Commission proceeding will include a public hearing at which interested parties may testify. An announcement of the date set for the public hearing is expected shortly.

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