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UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT

Embargo on certain Dried Milk

The following notice, dated 26 April 1976, has been received from the United States Mission with the request that it be circulated for the information of the Contracting Parties.

The President, acting upon a recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, issued an emergency proclamation, effective 31 March, imposing an embargo on dried milk (described in items 115.45, 115.50, 115.55 and 118.05) which contains not over 5.5 per cent by weight of butterfat and which is mixed with other ingredients, including but not limited to sugar, if such mixtures are capable of being further processed or mixed with similar or other ingredients and are not prepared for marketing to the retail consumers in the identical form and package in which imported; all the foregoing mixtures wherever classified under the tariff schedules of the United States.

The limitation will remain in effect pending the completion of an investigation which the President has requested the United States International Trade Commission to make under the provisions of Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act as amended, and Presidential action upon the report of the findings and recommendations of the Commission. The investigation will include a public hearing at which interested parties, including the representatives of industries in exporting countries, will be afforded an opportunity to appear and present views on the subject matter of the proceeding.

The proclamation does not prejudice the findings of the International Trade Commission. The President will decide on the need for continuing the restriction after he has received the report of the Commission.

Any shipments of the dried milk mixtures of interest which were exported to the United States on a through bill of lading or which were in a bonded warehouse, but not entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption prior to 29 March (the date the proclamation was published) will be permitted entry.

The action was taken to prevent potentially large scale importations of newly formulated dried milk mixtures not subject to the existing import control programme for dried milk from undermining the price support programme for milk

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