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EEC - MEAT POLICY - INCENTIVES TO MEAT PRODUCTION,
MORE LIMITED ACCESS AND INCREASED EXPORT REFUNDS
(REGULATION NO. 1814)

The following communication, dated 3 September 1976, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic with a request that it be put before the GATT Council at its next meeting.

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of GATT and has the honour to refer to the policy of the European Economic Community in regard to beef and veal and to certain measures within that context, such as the reconversion of dairy cattle to beef and veal production as envisaged in the proposed "Action Programme (1977-80) for the progressive achievement of balance in the milk market", and likewise Regulation No. 1814 of 27 July 1976 which provides for an increase in the export refunds.

In this connexion, the Argentine authorities have expressed on a number of occasions their concern regarding the EEC policy on beef and veal which not only has been reducing access to its market to a minimum for more than two years past, but in addition is promoting, in a way that is artificial and is difficult to reconcile with the EEC's commitments and responsibilities at international level, its exports to other traditional or potential markets for Argentina's production, thereby causing downward pressure on prices.

In view of the possible consequences of the Action Programme and the increase in refunds mentioned above on international trade in beef and veal, this Permanent Mission requests the Director-General to take the necessary action for inclusion of this matter in the agenda for the next meeting of the GATT Council of Representatives.

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