

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## SWITZERLAND - EMERGENCY ACTION IN REGARD TO PEACHES

The following communication, dated 29 August 1979, has been received from the delegation of Switzerland.

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Since mid-July, imports of peaches have increased considerably in relation to imports during the corresponding period of earlier years. Furthermore, they have taken place at very low prices. This trend, which continued into August, is affecting the price level for fruit in Switzerland and is threatening to impede disposal of domestic fruit.

In this situation, the Federal Council has found itself obliged to take temporary action by increasing the customs duty to Sw F 25.- per 100 kgs. gross. This provision entered into force on 26 August, to be effective until 10 September 1979 at the latest.

If conditions change in the producing countries or if negotiations with the latter lead to an adjustment of export policy, so that the disturbances affecting the domestic market are eased or eliminated, the Federal Department of the Public Economy can reduce or eliminate the increase in duty.

The measures described above have been communicated to the exporting countries concerned through the customary channels.