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SWITZERLAND - EMERGENCY ACTION IN REGARD TO DESSERT GRAPES

The following communication dated 21 September 1979, has been received from the delegation of Switzerland.

In recent weeks, imports of dessert grapes have increased considerably in relation to imports during the corresponding period of earlier years. Furthermore, they have taken place at very low prices. This development has severely affected the marketing of Swiss summer fruit. On several occasions, producer prices have had to be reduced substantially; some of them have even slumped.

In this situation, the Federal Council has found itself obliged to take temporary action by increasing the customs duty to Sw F 40 per 100 kgs. gross. This provision entered into force on 19 September, to be effective until 10 October 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 revoke the increase in duty.

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