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SWITZERLAND - EMERGENCY ACTION REGARDING DESSERT GRAPES

The following communication, dated 3 September 1982, has been received from the delegation of Switzerland for distribution to the contracting parties.

In recent weeks, imports of dessert grapes at very low prices have threatened serious injury to the marketing of Swiss summer fruit. The situation is made all the more serious by the fact that this year Swiss harvests are reaching record levels.

Consequently, the Federal Council has found itself obliged to take temporary action by increasing the customs duty on dessert grapes to Sw F 22 per 100 kg. gross for imports up to and including 15 September, and to Sw F 28 per 100 kg. gross for imports as from 16 September.

This provision entered into force on 3 September, to be effective until 10 October 1982 at the latest.

It may be eased or rescinded prior to the latter date if the tension on the import front lessens.

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

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