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SWITZERLAND - IMPORTS OF TABLE GRAPES

Recourse by the European Communities under Article XXIII

The following communication, dated 29 September 1982, has been received from the delegation of the Commission of the European Communities for distribution to contracting parties.

By decision of the Swiss Federal Council, the customs duty on imports of table grapes (headings 08.04.10 and 08.04.11 of the Swiss customs tariff) has been raised temporarily by Sw F 10 per 100 kg. as from 3 September 1982.

In consultations which took place on 8 September 1982 at the request of the European Economic Community, the Swiss delegation stated that this action had been taken under Article XIX of the General Agreement.

The Community considers that none of the conditions of Article XIX of the General Agreement has been fulfilled to justify this action being taken under Article XIX and has requested the Swiss authorities to rescind the measures forthwith.

The Swiss authorities have refused to rescind the measures.

The Community considers that the concession granted by Switzerland in respect of this product is being impaired by the fact that, in this case, Switzerland has not fulfilled the obligations taken on by it under the General Agreement.

For this reason, the European Economic Community is requesting consultations with the Swiss authorities on this matter under Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement.

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