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ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY CANADA

Yellow Onions

Addendum

Continuation of Action

The following communication, dated 28 December 1982, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada.

In a communication dated 20 October 1982 (L/5392 of 27 October 1982) the Government of Canada informed contracting parties of its decision to impose a surtax on yellow onions imported into Canada from any country through the customs port of Thunder Bay or any port west thereof in the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta or British Columbia. That action is in effect for the period 15 October-31 December 1982.

The Government of Canada now wishes to inform contracting parties of its intention to extend the surtax action for the period 1 January-15 March 1983. This action is required because contrary to earlier expectations f.o.b. prices in the principal supplying country have continued to decline rather than showing the traditional seasonal improvement, consequently, in the absence of a continued safeguard action, imports would cause or threaten to cause serious injury to Canadian producers of yellow onions. As a result, in the period 1 January-15 March 1983, imported yellow onions will be subject to a surtax per pound, in addition to duties otherwise established, equal to the difference between the f.o.b. export price per pound, as determined at the point of direct shipment to Canada, and a value of 9.7 cents per pound.

The Government of Canada is prepared, in accordance with the requirements of Article XIX of the GATT, to afford contracting parties having a substantial interest as exporters of yellow onions the opportunity to consult in respect of this action.

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