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Emergency Action under Article XIX of the General Agreement

The following communication, dated 26 October 1982, has been received from the delegation of the Commission of the European Communities for distribution to contracting parties.

I have the honour to advise you, for the information of the contracting parties, that by Regulation (EEC) No. 2742/82 of 13 October 1982, the Commission of the European Communities has taken emergency action on imports of dried grapes other than currants (sub-heading 08.04 B I and II of the CCT).

These measures, applicable from 28 October 1982, establish a minimum price of ECU 106.7 per 100 kg. free at Community frontier. If this price is not respected a countervailing charge of ECU 16 per 100 kg. is applicable. This charge is not levied on products originating in and coming from third countries which undertake to respect the above-mentioned minimum price.

This emergency action has been taken because of imports at abnormally low prices from certain supplying third countries. During the last marketing year, Community production suffered serious injury because of these imports because it could only be sold in limited proportions. At the present time, the Community is having to meet storage costs for about 60,000 tons of unsold dried grapes. In order to avoid any aggravation of the situation at the beginning of the new marketing year and to allow normal disposal of the new harvest, the Community has adopted the measures in question.

Before taking this action, the Community directly informed trade partners having a substantial interest in trade in this product and is prepared to enter into consultation with any contracting party having a substantial interest as an exporter to the Community and wishing to examine with it the measures in question.

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