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CHILE - IMPORT MEASURES ON CERTAIN DAIRY PRODUCTS

Request by the European Economic Community for Consultations under Article XXII

The Commission of the European Communities has forwarded the text of the following communication, addressed to the Permanent Mission of Chile on 27 October 1983, with a request for it to be circulated to contracting parties.

We have learned that the Chilean authorities have recently introduced minimum import prices for dairy products and have increased the specific duties applied in addition to ad valorem duties.

These measures have not yet been notified to GATT. Furthermore, it would appear that the grant of import licences is currently suspended.

The Community considers that, taking into account the binding in respect of the products concerned, the situation needs to be clarified. Accordingly, my authorities have instructed me to request formal consultations under Article XXII of the General Agreement at Geneva as soon as possible.

I likewise wish to inform you that I have requested the Director-General to circulate the text of this letter to contracting parties.