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CHILE - IMPORT MEASURES ON CERTAIN DAIRY PRODUCTS

Recourse of the European Communities to Article XXIII:1

The following communication, dated 16 April 1984 and addressed to the Permanent Mission of Chile, has been received from the Commission of the European Communities. It is circulated hereunder for the information of the contracting parties.

By decisions published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Chile dated 26 and 28 September 1983, the Government of Chile introduced minimum prices for calculating the ad valorem duties applicable to imports of dairy products and increased the specific duties applied in addition to the ad valorem duties.

Since the introduction of these measures, Chilean imports of dairy products from the European Economic Community have practically ceased.

The consultations requested by the Community under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement ended on 28 March 1984 without any satisfactory result for the Community.

The Community considers that the measures taken by Chile are incompatible with the provisions of the GATT, and in particular Article II:3 thereof, and that the concessions granted by Chile to the Community have as a result of those measures been nullified.

For that reason, the European Economic Community addresses a request to the Chilean authorities for a consultation on the subject under Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement.