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ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Cherries

The following communication dated 8 July 1985, has been received from the delegation of the European Communities.

I have the honour to advise you, for the information of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, that by Regulation (EEC) No. 1626/85 of 14 June 1985, and in pursuance of Article XIX, the Commission of the European Communities has taken emergency action in respect of imports of Morello cherries (falling within headings ex 08.10 D, ex 20.03 and ex 20.06 B II (a), (b), (c) 1. and 2). These measures, applicable as from 18 June 1985, provide for a countervailing charge to be levied on imports in certain conditions.

The countervailing charge is not levied on products originating in and coming from non-member countries which undertake to observe the minimum prices indicated in the above-mentioned Regulation. These emergency measures have been adopted by reason of imports of abnormally low prices from non-member supplying countries. During the preceding season such imports caused serious injury to Community production, which could only be disposed of in limited proportions and in a very unsatisfactory manner.

The Commission has adopted the above-mentioned measures in order to prevent any worsening of the situation at the beginning of the new season and to allow normal disposal of the new crop. Before making them effective, it gave direct notice to trade partners having a particular interest in trade in these products. It is prepared to enter into consultation, under Article XIX, with any contracting party having a substantial interest in exporting to the Community and which wishes to examine with it the measures under reference.