

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

# TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ARTICLE XI: ACTION BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES: DESSERT APPLES

### Communication from the European Communities

The attached notification dated 22 April 1988 has been received from the Commission of the European Communities with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

### EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

### NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE XI OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

#### Dessert Apples

1. By Regulation (EEC) No. 1040 of 20 April 1988, the Commission of the European Communities adopted restrictive measures, applicable until 31 August 1988, on imports of dessert apples.

The measures in question provide for the establishment of import quotas. They are taken in conformity with Article XI of the General Agreement. They do not apply to imports into Spain and Portugal.

The quantities fixed for EEC/10 during the period 15 February to 31 August 1988 are as follows:

Argentina	70,000 tonnes
Chile	142,131 tonnes
South Africa	166,000 tonnes
New Zealand	115,000 tonnes
Australia	11,000 tonnes
Other countries	17,600 tonnes

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TOTAL	521,731 tonnes
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2. The existence of larger stocks than in the previous marketing year, is a feature of the market for apples in the Community (EEC/10), despite the fact that total production was well below that of the 1986/1987 marketing year. Withdrawals already exceeded 370,000 tonnes by the end of February 1988, which is more than in the whole of the 1986/87 marketing year.

Thus the Community is actually restricting the quantities of apples permitted to be marketed, through its system of intervention purchases and compensation for producer groups which withdraw apples from the market. Unlimited imports could jeopardize the application of these measures.

3. The Community is prepared to hold discussions with any contracting party having a substantial interest in exports to the Community and desiring to obtain further details about the measures concerned.