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Prepared Fowls

The following communication, dated 9 March 1990, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of Austria to the GATT.

I have the honour to transmit to you the following notification with the request for distribution to the contracting parties:

The Government of the Republic of Austria wishes to inform the contracting parties that it has decided to take emergency action under Article XIX in respect of certain types of prepared fowls, falling within Tariff Item No. 1602 39 of the Austrian customs tariff. The products concerned by this measure are defined as follows:

ex 1602 39 Fresh, chilled or frozen fowls of the species *gallus domesticus*, whether or not cut into pieces, whether or not salted, but not smoked, prepared merely with flavouring matter (for example spices, ...).

For these products a quota of 1,100 mt is in force as from 15 March 1990. This quota will be applicable until 31 December 1990.

The adoption of this measure was a matter of urgency because of the sharp increase of imports into Austria of these products (from January - December 1988 245 mt, for the same period of 1989 3,287 mt). These imports at abnormally low prices have seriously jeopardized the marketing of like Austrian products, thus causing serious injury to producers.

These imports have adverse effects on the producers of fowls and the producers of grain in Austria. Imports of 1,000 mt of poultry into Austria reduce the demand for about 2,000 mt of grain.

Austria is ready to hold immediate consultations with any contracting party having a substantial interest in exports of the product concerned to the Austrian market.