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UNITED STATES - MARKETING ORDER ON KIWIS, PLUMS,
NECTARINES AND APPLES

Communication from Chile

A copy of the following communication, dated 9 August 1990 and addressed to the Office of the United States Trade Representative in Geneva, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Chile with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties and placed on the agenda of the Council meeting to be held on 3 October 1990.

As you know, the Senate of the United States of America has approved a version of the Agriculture Act 1990 which includes an extension of the Marketing Order in respect of kiwis, plums, nectarines and apples, thus increasing the restrictive effects of the existing legislation.

If the above-mentioned version becomes law, Chile's exports of these products will be the subject of new restrictions, thereby incurring obvious injury.

This action by the Senate of your country has an objective that is in contradiction with the free-trade endeavour in which we are all engaged, more particularly in the Uruguay Round.

On the instructions of our Government, we have requested the GATT secretariat to include the matter of the Marketing Order to which the above-mentioned draft legislation refers in the agenda for the next regular meeting of the GATT Council and in the agenda for the next meeting of the Surveillance Body.

A copy of this letter is being circulated to the contracting parties to GATT and the countries participating in the Uruguay Round.

* A corresponding text is also being issued as MTN/SB/W/10.