

**MULTILATERAL TRADE  
NEGOTIATIONS  
THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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STANDSTILL

Notification

1. <u>Participant notifying:</u> ARGENTINA
2. <u>Participant maintaining the measure:</u> EEC
3. <u>Description of the measure</u> (including date of entry into force and reference to any relevant legislation or other document):  Regulation (EEC) No.481/88 of 22 February granting refunds for exports of boned beef (6,000 tons) to Venezuela.
4. <u>Products covered, including tariff headings</u> (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff lines):  Boned beef (6,000 tons) HS 020230
5. <u>Country or countries to which the measure applies:</u> Venezuela

6. Relevance of the measure to the standstill commitment:

(iii): since it is a measure that improves the EEC's negotiating position through the granting of export subsidies.

7. Comments by the participant maintaining the measure:

The EC is regularly selling beef from intervention stocks for export. During the first half of 1987, around 6,000 tons of such beef was sold by private exporters to importers in Venezuela. For sanitary reasons, the beef was, however, not released for consumption by the authorities in Venezuela.

In order to replace the quantity of beef which could not be imported, the EC exceptionally decided to sell another 6,000 tons under Regulation (EEC) No. 481/88. The sale under that Regulation has therefore in no way been carried out with a view of improving the EC's negotiating position.