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REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Communication from the EEC

Supplement

The following communication dated 25 April 1988 has been received from the European Communities with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Group.

I enclose copies of letters addressed by the Community to countries not presently covered by the secretariat's documentation, asking for additional information concerning their trade measures in the field of tropical products.

I would appreciate if you could make these documents available to all participants in the Negotiating Group on Tropical products.



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Le Chef de la Délégation

Genève, le 25 April 1988

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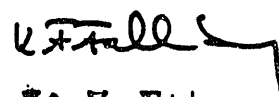
In this context, the Community is aware of a communication by Indonesia to the Committee on Trade in Agriculture (AG/FOR/IDN/1) dated 24 November 1984 (copy attached). Could Indonesia ascertain whether the data in this document on measures affecting trade in tropical products are still valid and that it can be used in the Negotiating Group? Could Indonesia confirm that the information concerning the prohibition of exports of tropical woods and rattan in GATT document MTN SB/SN/1 is accurate? Could information be provided on the trade regime for products falling within tropical product groups 3 and 7, as identified in the GATT Secretariat's documentation (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/6)?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

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In this context, the Community is aware of a communication by Colombia to the Committee on Trade in Agriculture (AG/FOR/REV/COL/1) dated 15 June 1987 (copy attached). Could Colombia ascertain whether the data in this document on measures affecting trade in tropical products are still valid and that it can be used in the Negotiating Group ?

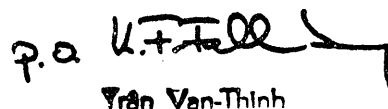
Could similar information be provided for other tropical products as identified in the relevant GATT Secretariat documentation ? Does Colombia provide export and/or production subsidies on soluble coffee ?

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In this context, the Community is aware of a communication by Malaysia to the Committee on Trade in Agriculture (AG/FOR/MYS/7) dated 28 December 1983 (copy attached). Could Malaysia confirm that the data in this document on measures affecting trade in tropical products are still accurate and that it can be used in the Negotiating Group?

More specifically, could Malaysia provide information on the research and replanting levy applied exclusively to the export of raw rubber and on the export duty levied once a bigger price is exceeded? What is actually the amount of these duties as a percentage of the export price of raw rubber? Does Malaysia operate an import licencing system for coffee?

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