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TRADE RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING ARGENTINA
APPLIED FOR NON-ECONOMIC REASONS

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of Argentina, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

I have the honour to notify to you hereby, as indicated in the meeting of the Council of Representatives on 7 May last, the trade restrictions adopted by certain countries and group of countries vis-à-vis Argentina and which were the reason for presenting our communication to that Council, circulated in document L/5317.

It should be noted that Argentina finds itself obliged to make this notification because of the refusal by certain contracting parties (the EEC and its member States, Australia and Canada) to respect in this matter the obligations taken on by them under the General Agreement and other legal instruments of GATT.

Notification:

Country and/or group of countries applying the measures: (A) EEC and its member States; (B) Canada; (C) Australia.

(A) EEC and its member States

I. Initial decision:

- (i) Legal instrument: Regulation (EEC) 877/82 and Decision 82/221/ECSC published in Official Journal L/102 dated 16 April 1982.
- (ii) Type of measure: Suspension of imports coming from Argentina.
- (iii) Exceptions: Products originating in Argentina:
 - (a) accompanied by import documents issued before the entry into force of that regulation and which mention Argentina as the country of origin, or

- (b) to be imported in execution of contracts concluded before that date, or
- (c) in course of shipment to the Community at that date.
- (iv) Duration: The Regulation was to remain in force until 17 May 1982.

II. The measure was subsequently extended until 24 May 1982 under Regulation (EEC) 1176/82 and Decision 82/320/ECSC published in Official Journal L/136 dated 18 May 1982.

III. On 25 May 1982, Official Journal L/146 published the text of Regulation (EEC) 1254/82 and Decision 82/324/ECSC extending sine die the measures already adopted under Regulation (EEC) 877/82 and Decision 82/221/ECSC.

(B) CANADA

(i) Legal instrument:

Notice to importers from the Department of External Affairs (Series No. 165) dated 26 April 1982, in pursuance of the authority granted under the Export and Import Permits Act promulgated on 31 March 1954.

(ii) Type of measure: Suspension of imports.

(iii) Exceptions: Goods coming from Argentina which on 26 April were:

- (1) in transit
- (2) already purchased
- (3) the subject of an irrevocable purchase commitment

(iv) Duration: For an indeterminate period.

(C) AUSTRALIA

(i) Legal instrument: Regulation 4(c) on Prohibited Imports (Customs-Prohibited Imports-Regulations), published in the Special Government Gazette on 16 April 1982 as Statutory Rules 1982 No. 80.

(ii) Type of measure: Prohibition of imports.

(iii) Exceptions:

- (a) goods which were exported from Argentina before 8 April 1982 and
- (b) goods purchased from the Argentine Republic, to be consigned to Australia, under firm sales contracts concluded before 8 April 1982.

(iv) Duration: For an indeterminate period.