

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY - IMPORTS OF
CITRUS FRUIT AND PRODUCTS

Recourse to Article XXIII by the United States

The following communication, dated 15 June 1982, has been received from the United States Trade Representative, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

The United States wishes to refer to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, pursuant to Article XXIII:2 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the matter of tariff preferences granted by the European Economic Community (EEC) on imports of citrus products listed below.

The United States believes that the preferences granted on citrus products are inconsistent with the obligations of the EEC under Article I of the GATT in that tariff preferences are granted to certain Mediterranean countries on the following products: fresh oranges, fresh lemons, fresh grapefruit, fresh tangerines, orange juice, lemon juice, grapefruit juice, grapefruit segments and pectin. The United States further believes that these preferences continue to have an adverse effect on United States citrus exports, which do not receive preferences.

On 3 October 1980, the United States and the EEC engaged in consultations under Article XXII of the GATT regarding the United States complaint. Consultations under Article XXIII:1 were held on 20 April 1982. We were unable to reach a satisfactory adjustment of the matter during these consultations. Therefore, we request the CONTRACTING PARTIES to establish a panel to review this matter pursuant to Article XXIII:2 of the GATT, and we wish to have this request placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the GATT Council, which we understand is scheduled for 29 June 1982.

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