CONSULTATIONS WITH POLAND UNDER PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION

Communication from the EEC

The following communication, dated 25 August 1987, has been received from the EEC.

Imports of certain squid originating in Poland

Temporary Emergency Action

In pursuance of Article 4 of the Protocol for the Accession of Poland to GATT, the EEC has decided to take emergency action in respect of imports into the Community of certain squid, of the genus Loligo, of the species Loligo patagonica, originating in Poland and falling within sub-heading ex 03.03 B IV a) l) (aa) of the Common Customs tariff.

Under this measure, in force as from 10 July 1987, release to the Community market of the above-mentioned squid is suspended until 31 October 1987, with the exception of imports that observe the reference price of the products concerned. The measure does not apply to products in respect of which there is evidence that they had already been dispatched to the Community prior to the date on which the measure took effect.

Substantial imports of these products originating in Poland during the first five months of 1987 at abnormally low prices have caused prices of commercially similar Community products on the Italian market to fall by up to 30% of the average price for the year 1986 in that market.

This situation has caused serious disposal difficulties for Community production and would, if it persisted, aggravate the injury caused to Community producers of directly competing products.

The Community has already had urgent consultations with the Polish authorities before putting the above-mentioned measures into effect. It maintains its readiness to enter into further bilateral consultations with Poland.

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