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FINLAND - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF APPLES AND PEARS

Request for Consultations under Article XXII:1 by the United States

Pursuant to paragraph C.3 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision of 12 April 1989 concerning Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (L/6489), the Secretariat has received from the United States a copy of the following communication, dated 3 July 1989, from the United States to Finland.

On instructions from my authorities, I wish to convey to you the request of the United States for consultations under Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade concerning the prohibition of imports of apples and pears maintained by Finland during a substantial part of the Northern Hemisphere harvest season.

The United States believes that these restrictions are in clear contravention of the obligations of Finland under the General Agreement, inter alia of Article XI, and nullify or impair benefits accruing to the United States thereunder.

In accordance with paragraph C.3. of the Decision of 12 April 1989 on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures, I am notifying the GATT Council of this request for consultations.

We request consultations on this matter under Article XXII:1 at your earliest convenience. Since experts from Washington will be attending the upcoming meeting of the Negotiating Group on Agriculture, my authorities suggest that we consult on 14 July. We await your response.