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EEC - CHARGES ON IMPORTS OF APPLES ORIGINATING IN CHILE

Request for Consultations under Article XXIII:1 by Chile

The following communication, dated 17 June 1993, sent by the Permanent Mission of Chile to the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, is circulated in accordance with paragraph C.4 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' 1989 Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures (BISD 36S/62).

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On instructions from my Government, I hereby request formal consultations under Article XXIII.1 of the General Agreement and in accordance with the procedures laid down in the CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures of 12 April 1989, and specifically those set out in paragraphs C4 and F(f)5 concerning perishable goods, and other relevant paragraphs. The consultations are to address Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 846/93 of 7 April 1993 and subsequent regulations of the European Communities, introducing a countervailing charge on apples originating in Chile.

The application of the system of countervailing charges linked to reference prices has seriously impaired our trade flows of apples, virtually barring their access to the Community market with consequent damage to our producers and exporters.

My Government considers that the application of this system has caused an obstruction to trade, with the result that the concessions granted on this product have not only been impaired but virtually nullified.

We request the holding of consultations with the utmost urgency in accordance with the aforementioned procedures, in view of the fact that the product in question is perishable.