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US export measures concerning agricultural products

The Commission is studying the new measures which have just been announced to the press by the United States authorities. It will be necessary to examine the compatibility of these measures with GATT provisions, notably the rules on "price undercutting", in the light of more detailed information (e.g. with regard to sales terms).

The Commission deplores the implementation of such measures, which could have a destabilizing effect on world agricultural markets and make the projected GATT trade negotiations more difficult.

The problems encountered by the United States on world agricultural markets are the result of the dollar exchange rate and the slow-down in world demand, and are not caused by the common agricultural policy.

The Commission reaffirms its intention to defend the Community's position in world agricultural trade. With particular reference to Community cereal exports, it expects the result for the 1984/85 marketing year to be highly satisfactory.