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**EEC-United States: Community riposte to the US measures on  
semi-finished steel products**

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The Community recently adopted countermeasures against the United States following the decision by the latter, in violation of its undertakings in GATT, to impose unilateral restrictions on semi-finished steel products from the Community.

From 15 February this year until 15 November 1989 the Community will apply quantitative restrictions on imports of beef fat, fertilizers and coated paper from the United States (see figures in annex).

The effect of these measures, which were taken to safeguard Community interests - hard hit by the US measures against semi-finished steel products - will be to cut the annual level of US exports to the Community by 23% in the case of fertilizers, 20% for fat and 8% for paper, the total reduction being worth some US\$ 43 million.

The US restrictions will not apply to imports from Portugal and Spain, as the two new Member States had arrangements with the United States prior to accession which covered semi-finished products and these arrangements are still in force.

We regret having to take such measures, said Mr Willy de Clercq, the Member of the Commission with special responsibility for trade policy. We were forced into it by the unilateral nature of the US measures, which are contrary to the steel Arrangement concluded on 31 October last year. It is an unsatisfactory situation, but a return to mutually acceptable conditions depends entirely on the United States.

**Background**

On 11 December 1985 the Community concluded with the United States an Arrangement governing exports of Community steel products up to and including 1989. Under this Arrangement, semi-finished products are still regarded as "consultation products" and are not subject to quantitative restrictions. Notwithstanding this, the United States adopted unilateral restrictions on imports of these products from the Community, to run from 1 January 1986 until 30 October 1989.

The measures consist of an annual Community quota of 400 000 tonnes (100 000 tonnes of blooms and billets and 300 000 tonnes of slabs) and also a quantity of 200 000 tonnes reserved for specific imports to be determined by the US authorities.

The quotas are administered on a quarterly basis.

Numéro OCT	Code Nimexe	Description	QUOTAS (tonnes)
15.02	15.02-10	<p>Suifs (des espèces bovines, ovine et caprine) bruts, fondus ou extraits à l'aide de solvants, y compris les suifs dits "premiers jus" :</p> <p>A destinés à des usages industriels autres que la fabrication de produits pour l'alimentation humaine</p>	<p>15.02.1986-31.12.1986 93,625</p> <p>1987 107,000</p> <p>1988 107,000</p> <p>01.01.1989-15.11.1989 93,625</p>
31.05	31.05.12	<p>Autres engrais; produits du présent chapitre présenté soit en tablettes, pastilles et autres formes similaires, soit en emballages d'un poids brut maximal de 10 Kg :</p> <p>A autres engrais :</p> <p>contenant les deux éléments fertilisants : azote et phosphore :</p> <p>orthophosphates mono- et diammoniques et mélanges entre eux de ces produits</p>	<p>15.02.1986-31.12.1986 448,000</p> <p>1987 512,000</p> <p>1988 512,000</p> <p>01.01.1989-15.11.1989 448,000</p>
48.07	48.07-45	<p>Papiers et cartons couchés, enduits, imprégnés ou colorés en surface (marbrés, indiennés et similaires) ou imprimés (autres que ceux du chapitre 49), en rouleaux ou en feuilles :</p> <p>C de pâte blanchie, couchés ou enduits de kaolin ou bien enduits ou imprégnés de matières plastiques artificielles, pesant 160 g ou plus par m<sup>2</sup> ;</p> <p>autres</p>	<p>15.02.1986-31.12.1986 8,750</p> <p>1987 10,000</p> <p>1988 10,000</p> <p>01.01.1989-15.11.1989 8,750</p>

CCT HEADING NUMBER	NIMEXF. CODE (1986)	DESCRIPTION	QUOTA (tonnes)
15.02	15.02-10	<p>Fats of bovine cattle, sheep and goats, unrendered; rendered or solvent extracted fats (including "premier jus") obtained from these unrendered fats:</p> <p>A For industrial uses other than the manufacture of foodstuffs for human consumption</p>	<p>15.02.1986-31.12.1986 93,625 1987 107,000 1988 107,000 01.01.1989-15.11.1989 93,625</p>
31.05	31.05-12	<p>Other fertilisers; goods of Chapter 31 in tablets, lozenges and similar prepared forms or in packings of a gross weight not exceeding 10 kg.:</p> <p>A Other fertilisers:</p> <p>II containing the two fertilising substances: nitrogen and phosphorous:</p> <p>(a) monammonium and diammonium or the phosphates and mixtures thereof</p>	<p>15.02.1986- 31.12.1986 448,000 1987 512,000 1988 512,000 01.01.1989-15.11.1989 448,000</p>
48.07	48.07-45	<p>Paper and paper board impregnated, coated, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed (not constituting printed matter within Chapter 49) in rolls or sheets:</p> <p>ex C Bleached paper and paper board, coated with kaolin or coated or impregnated with artificial plastic materials, weighing 160 grams or more per m<sup>2</sup></p> <p>- otherwise coated than with kaolin</p>	<p>15.02.1986-31.12.1986 8,750 1987 10,000 1988 10,000 01.01.1989-15.11.1989 8,750</p>

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NIMEXE RS=4 SUIFS DE BOVINS, OVINS ET CAPRINS, A USAGES INDUSTRIELS, SF  
150210 POUR L'ALIMENTATION HUMAINE

ANNEE BASE 1984

	1981	1982	1983	1984
DECLARANTS				
EUR10 S	74309	99944	67100	62414
FRANCE	2820	4591	3216	2023
BELG.-LUXBG.	9974	15557	10309	10164
PAYS-BAS	21735	25769	19575	21699
RF ALLEMAGNE	23105	37416	22331	23623
ITALIE	2030	5124	7333	0
ROYAUME-UNI	13563	11368	4336	4905
GRECE	1082	119	0	0

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NIMEXE RS=4 ORTHOPHOSPHATES MONO- ET DIAMMONIQUES ET MELANGES ENTRE EUX

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ANNEE BASE 1984

	1981	1982	1983	1984
DECLARANTS				
EUR10 S	164861	113768	131893	133149
FRANCE	22412	11849	13677	6585
BELG.-LUXBG.	18441	30181	32368	29525
PAYS-BAS	1970	1707	516	0
RF ALLEMAGNE	15837	7540	14455	8316
ITALIE	85702	50633	55028	77103
ROYAUME-UNI	367	1868	0	872
IRLANDE	13515	8540	8340	6823
DANEMARK	6617	1450	7509	3925

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NIMEXE RS=4 PAPIERS ET CARTONS DE PATE BLANCHIE, ENDUITS OU IMPREGNES DE  
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ANNEE BASE 1984

	1981	1982	1983	1984
DECLARANTS				
EUR10 S	16267	50703	44438	37929
FRANCE	243	2236	3564	2857
BELG.-LUXBG.	0	2068	2870	1549
PAYS-BAS	8271	26004	21362	14286
RF ALLEMAGNE	7595	14576	10775	12553
ITALIE	0	0	15	1
ROYAUME-UNI	121	5799	5806	6676
IRLANDE	7	0	13	0
DANEMARK	17	13	33	7
GRECE	13	7	0	0

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DECLARANT		VALEUR (000 ECU)
EUR10	S	70727
FRANCE		3574
BELG.-LUXBG.		11926
PAYS-BAS		31345
RF ALLEMAGNE		22742
ITALIE		3
ROYAUME-UNI		1137

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ANNEE BASE 1985

DECLARANT		VALEUR (000 ECU)
EUR10	S	141164
FRANCE		8279
BELG.-LUXBG.		31699
RF ALLEMAGNE		22993
ITALIE		61592
ROYAUME-UNI		342
IRLANDE		12076
DANEMARK		4183

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ANNEE BASE 1985

DECLARANT		VALEUR (000 ECU)
EUR10	S	8639
FRANCE		348
BELG.-LUXBG.		754
PAYS-BAS		4108
RF ALLEMAGNE		2317
ITALIE		1
ROYAUME-UNI		1105
IRLANDE		4
DANEMARK		3