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**US DECISION CONCERNING THE EC POLICY IN THE OILSEEDS SECTOR**

At the request of the United States, the European Community has agreed to submit to the GATT dispute settlement procedure (panel) a dispute with the US on some of the provisions of the EC oilseeds policy.

Despite this, the US Trade Representative (USTR) has decided on 5 July 1989 in accordance with Section 301 of the US Trade Act that :

... "there is reason to believe that rights of the United States under a trade agreement are being denied by, inter alia, the EC's production and processing subsidies on oilseeds and animal feed proteins and the practices resulting therefrom, and that the EC practices at issue are unjustifiable and unreasonable, and burden or restrict US commerce, ..."

The Commission deplores this unilateral position taken by the United States.

The Commission, reaffirms its commitment to the proper functioning of the GATT and underlines the importance of the Uruguay Round negotiations aimed at reinforcing the multi-lateral process.

In these circumstances, the Commission has decided to request the opening of consultations within the appropriate bodies of the GATT.

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