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EEC COMMISSION AUTHORIZES

GERMAN CUTS IN TABLE POULTRY LEVIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 6--The Commission of the European Economic Community (Common Market) authorized today reductions of levies on table poultry by the Federal Republic of Germany.

The authorization applies to German trade with both Community and non-member countries, including the United States. It will remain in force until December 31, 1962.

The reduction, which amounts to 0.0475 units of account (4-3/4 U.S. cents) per kilogram, is subject to the following conditions:

1) The wholesale price of plucked and cleaned fowl, without head or feet but with edible offal, must have reached 0⁰.9258 units of account (9-1/4 U.S. cents) per kilogram, which corresponds to the sluice-gate price plus the new levy.

2) If the levies applicable in trade with non-member countries are reduced, those which operate within the Community must be equally scaled down simultaneously.

3) The Federal Republic of Germany must notify the Commission and the other five member states at least two days in advance of any reduction.

The Commission has approved this step with a view to keeping price fluctuations within bounds, a Brussels communique stated, "and having regard to requirements of a gradually-developing common policy, aimed at ensuring a fair return for producers and a balanced market within the Community, due account being taken of imports and exports."