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COMMON MARKET REDUCES IMPORT LEVY SURCHARGE ON POULTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1 -- The European Economic Community (Common Market) is reducing the surcharge on import levies on slaughtered hens and chickens from non-member countries to 0.05 units of account (\$.05) per kilogram.

The levy was increased by \$0.625 per kilogram on imports of these products from non-member countries other than Denmark on November 7, in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 135.

The Commission's present decision to reduce the surcharge was taken when it was found that the price of these products from non-member countries is now only \$.05 per kilogram below the sluice-gate price.

The reduction takes effect on the date the new regulation is published in the official gazette of the Community, Journal Officiel.