



**European  
community**

# PRESS RELEASE

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICE**

2100 M Street Northwest, Suite 707, Washington D.C. 20037 • Telephone: (202) 296-5131  
New York Office: 155 E. 44th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017 • Telephone: (212) MU 2-0458

No. 17

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 14, 1972

COMMON MARKET PROPOSAL TO REDUCE TARIFFS ON UNITED STATES

CITRUS FRUITS NEARS FINAL ACTION

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 14 -- The Commission of the European Communities today sent to the Council of Ministers for approval a formal proposal to reduce tariffs on certain United States citrus fruit exports into the Community.

In an announcement made from Brussels, the Commission said its proposal was based on the agreement reached between the United States and the European Community February 11, 1972, concerning short range trade problems. It was on this occasion that the two sides also agreed to begin extensive discussions in 1973 on long range trade matters.

The Commission proposal would:

- reduce the EC's common external tariff from 15 per cent to five per cent on oranges imported from the United States and other countries outside the Community between June 1 and September 30 during 1972 and 1973, the peak seasons for American fruit growers.
- reduce from six to four per cent during the period extending from April 1, 1972 to December 31, 1973 the EC's common external tariff on grapefruits imported from the United States and other countries outside the Community.

# # #