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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Imports of agricultural alcohol into the Federal Republic of Germany

1. Is the Commission aware that imports of agricultural alcohol into the Federal Republic of Germany from EEC countries and forward delivery contracts have reached such proportions that the production of distilleries processing agricultural products in the Federal Republic of Germany is seriously threatened?
2. Is the Commission aware that this situation, unacceptable to the German alcohol industry since it threatens its very existence, stems from the lack of Community regulations on alcohol?
3. How much longer does the Commission intend to tolerate this state of affairs which is bringing the alcohol industry of one country to its knees while other EEC countries derive benefit from it?

4. Why does the Commission not immediately introduce emergency legislation, called for unanimously by all producers and processors of agricultural alcohol in the Community (pending the introduction of regulations governing the market in alcohol), to safeguard the existence of national industries until their integration into a common market organization?