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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

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27 July 1979, and Washington, 28 October 1980**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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de table, convenu lors des négociations commerciales
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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY CONCERNING TABLE GRAPES, REACHED ON THE TOKYO ROUND OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

I

The Director General for Agriculture, European Economic Community, to the American Deputy Special Representative for Trade Negotiations

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE
The Director General

Brussels, 27. VII. 1979

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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

With reference to the various discussions we have had, and following the recent decision of the Council of Ministers, concerning the Community's tariff concessions for table grapes, I am now able to communicate to you the way in which the Community will implement the concession agreed between us. This involves:

1. The concession to be bound in the Community's G.A.T.T. schedule is the following:

Table with 4 columns: Heading No., Description, Basic rate of duty, Rate of duty according to concession. Row 1: 08.04 Grapes, fresh or dried: A. Fresh: I. Table grapes a) From 1 November to 14 July - From 1 December to 31 January - Of the species Emperor (Vitis Vinifera c.v.) (a) 18% (b) 10%

(a) Entry under this subheading is subject to conditions to be determined by the competent authorities. (b) In certain conditions a countervailing tax is provided for in addition to the customs duty.

2. The implementation of this concession is to be phased in four stages:

Table with 2 columns: Stage, Rate. Row 1: 1st stage: 1.1.1980 16% Row 2: 2nd stage: 1.1.1981 14% Row 3: 3rd stage: 1.1.1982 12% Row 4: 4th stage: 1.1.1983 10%

1 Came into force on 28 October 1980, with retroactive effect from 1 January 1980, the date on which schedules XX (United States)* and LXXII and LXXII bis (European Communities)** to the Geneva (1979) Protocol*** became schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,† in accordance with the provisions of the letters.

* United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1189, p. 2. ** Ibid., vol. 1193, p. 201. *** Ibid., vol. 1187, p. 2. † Ibid., vol. 55, p. 187.

When approving this concession at its meeting of 24th July, the Council inserted in its minutes a declaration and requested the Commission to inform the U.S. authorities of it. Accordingly I attach a copy of the text.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

C. VILLAIN

The Honorable Alonzo McDonald
Ambassador
Office of the Special Representatives
for Trade Negotiations
N.W. Washington, D.C.

ANNEX

“With regard to the concession on table grapes, the Council agrees that, in the event of disturbances occurring on the Community market as a result among other things of a substantial increase in the quantities traditionally imported, the procedures laid down in the GATT should be put into effect forthwith.

“This statement by the Council will be brought to the attention of the United States authorities.”

II

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

Oct. 28, 1980

Dear Ambassador De Kergorlay:

[For the text, see p. 249 of this volume.]

[Signed]

ROBERT C. CASSIDY, Jr.
