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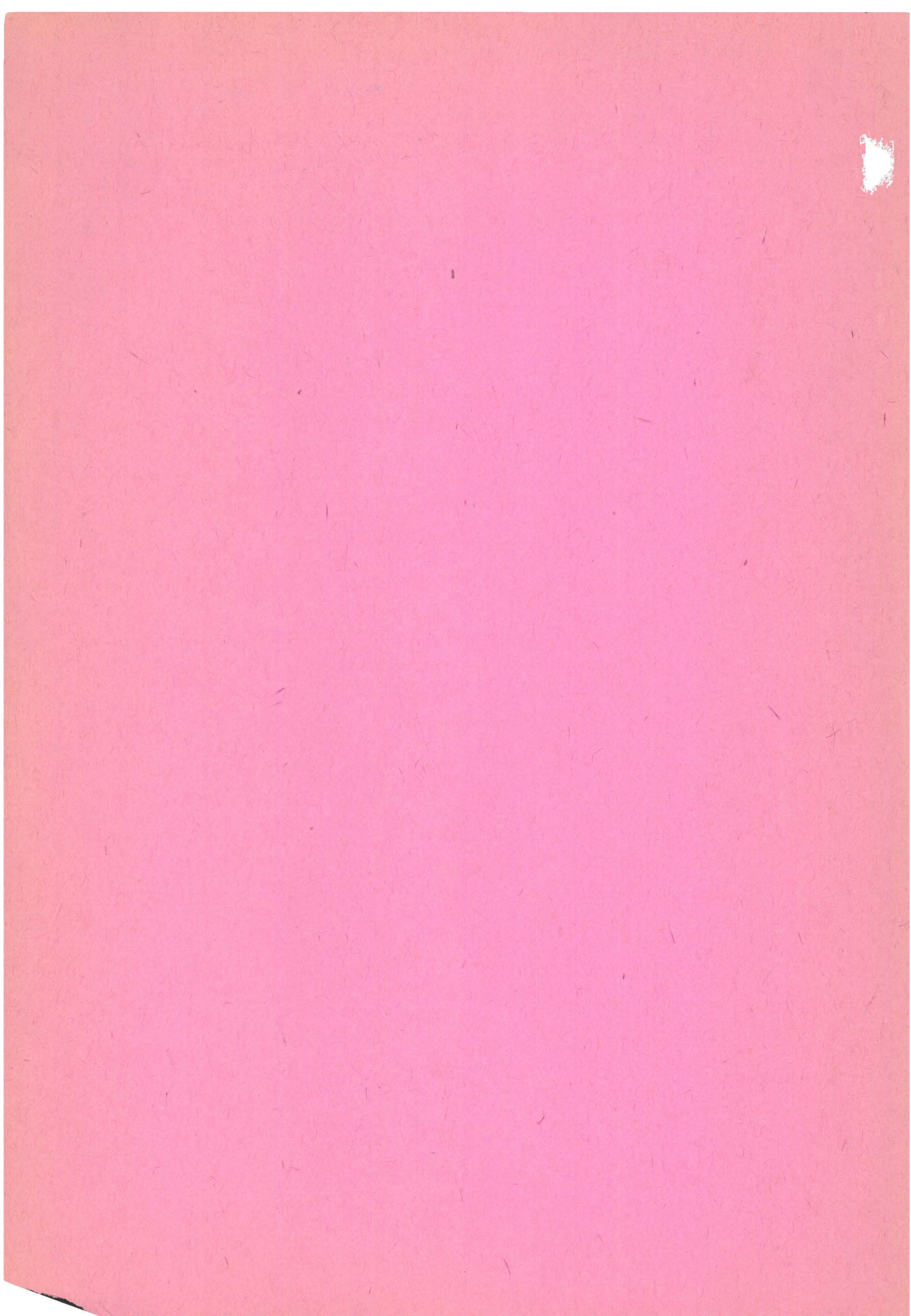
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COMMUNICATION BY THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL
concerning the harmonisation of agricultural policies
of the Community and of Greece in the sphere of
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Communication by the Commission
to the Council concerning the harmonisation of
agricultural policies of the Community and of
Greece in the sphere of processed fruit and
vegetables.

The Council of Ministers of 21st and 22nd July introduced the regulation concerning the system of trade with third countries in products processed from fruit and vegetables.

The Commission considers that the main provisions concerning the implementation of the common agricultural policy for the products in question have now been defined.

As provided for in the Association agreement which binds the Community and Greece, and notably its articles 33 to 36, Greece must progressively harmonise its agricultural policy to that of the Community.

Within the framework of the re-establishment of relations between the EEC and Greece, the Association Council of 2nd December 1974 decided upon the uptake of harmonisation negotiations, and that of 28th April 1975 gave a priority to two areas :

- Wine and fresh fruit and vegetables. Work upon these topics have already been started both in Greece and within the Community.

Taking account of the links that exist between the common organisation of markets for fresh fruit and vegetables, and for the processed products, and considering also the importance these products have in commerce between Greece and the Community, the Commission considers that it is necessary to :

- proceed, as quickly as possible, to the declaration of harmonisation in the sphere of processed fruit and vegetables, in accordance with the terms shown in the annex ;
- to propose to the Association Council to give a priority to work in this area ;

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DECLARATION BY THE COMMUNITY TO THE HELLENIC GOVERNMENT,
UPON THE BASIS OF ARTICLE 35 OF THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

Having regard to articles 33, 35 and 36 of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Greece,

Whereas the operation and development of the Association must (for agricultural products) be accompanied by the progressive harmonisation of the agricultural policies of the Community and Greece ;

Whereas the agricultural policy of the Community constitutes an indivisible unit ;

Whereas it is for the Community to take the initiative to start the procedure for the harmonisation of the agricultural policies between the Community and Greece ;

DECLARES THAT :

For the products - except those processed from potatoes - listed in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) n° 865/68 of the Council of the European Communities, of 28th June 1968, establishing a common organisation of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables, the main provisions concerning the implementation of the common agricultural policy have been defined.