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COMMON MARKET AUTHORIZES CERTAIN SAFEGUARD MEASURES FOR ITALY

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23 -- The Commission of the European Economic Community has authorized the Italian Government to take measures of safeguard for the production of citric acid and calcium citrate in Calabria, under Article 226 of the Treaty of Rome, it was announced from EEC headquarters in Brussels. Article 226 permits "measures of safeguard" during the transitional period of the Common Market in cases of serious economic difficulties.

The measures approved by the Commission provide that the global quotas opened to the other member states of the Community are to be maintained throughout 1961 at their present level (73,000 kilograms for citric acid and 3,300,000 kilograms for calcium citrate). Normally the quotas in question should have been extended under the arrangements laid down in the Treaty.

This exemption is granted only to the extent and for the periods strictly necessary for Italy to adapt the sector concerned to the Common Market economy.

The Italian Government has already undertaken the study of several economic and technical projects which should facilitate the development, on sound bases, of the Calabrian economy.

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