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On May 22 in Santo Domingo, Fernando Gonzalez Nicolas, president of the British Chamber of Commerce in the Dominican Republic, said Dominican banana exports to Europe are expected to increase from 400 to 700 metric tons per week. The British company Fyffes is in charge of marketing bananas from the northern Cruz de Manzanillo area in Europe, mainly in Germany, Belgium, and Poland. Gonzalez Nicolas added that Dominican bananas are not sold in the United Kingdom, result of the Lome IV agreement which reserves the UK market for banana exporters in the English-speaking Caribbean. Principal UK imports from the Dominican Republic include pineapples, melons and fresh flowers. (Basic data from EFE, 05/22/91)

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