GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Trade in Agriculture

INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE SUBMITTED BY FINLAND

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note has been prepared by the secretariat in order to facilitate the organization of the discussion in the Committee, notably with respect to Exercise A, as was suggested by the Chairman at the meeting in June 1983 (AG/W/2, paragraph 23). It attempts to provide a summary of the information submitted by Finland and circulated to members in document AG/FOR/FIN/1.

2. Document AG/FOR/FIN/1 contains also a note on Finnish agricultural policy, outlining the objectives of this policy and the means applied to achieve these objectives.

3. Two additional symbols (abbreviations) to those indicated in AG/W/2 Annex II have been used:

ACD: Agreements on concerted disciplines
ER: Export refund

4. The Finnish submission covers all the products contained in CCCN Chapters 1 to 24 and no additional products.

Measures affecting exports

5. Measures affecting Finnish agricultural exports include export subsidies (XS) concerning 9 four-digit CCCN headings and export refunds (ER) concerning 25 four-digit CCCN headings. For these measures reference has been made to Article XVI and a classification (a) has been indicated. For 3 four-digit CCCN headings, a minimum export price (MP) has been listed with reference to Article XX(h) and also for this measure a classification (a) has been indicated. 9 four-digit CCCN headings are subject to state trading, and reference has been made to Article XVII, with the classification (f). For 18 four-digit CCCN headings the application of sanitary (SN) or phytosanitary (PSN) regulations has been listed, with reference to Article XX(b) and a classification (a). One CCCN heading is subject to agreement on concerted discipline (ACD) when exported, with reference given to Article XXIV, and an indication of classification (e).
Measures affecting imports

6. Tariffs and specific duties are wholly or partially bound for 116 four-digit CCCN numbers. No reference to GATT provisions has been made for unbound tariffs, but for bound four-digit CCCN numbers reference is made to Article II, and where the whole four-digit number is bound an indication of (f) is made, while for partly bound numbers the classification is (c, f). Bindings of variable levies for 5 numbers are also accompanied by reference to Article II and the same classification as for bound tariff rates. GSP-rates are applied to 48 four-digit CCCN numbers and the GATT reference is the "Enabling Clause" with a classification (f). There are other preferences (OP) applied to 61 four-digit CCCN-numbers and for these reference is made to Article XXIV with an indication of classification (d). Mixed duties (MIXD) are applied to 17 four-digit CCCN numbers, but no reference to GATT provisions are given and no classification of the measure has been indicated. Variable levies (MLV) applied to 18 four-digit CCCN numbers have been classified as (e), with no reference to GATT provisions.

7. Discretionary licensing (DL) and global quotas (GQ) applied to respectively 60 and 32 four-digit CCCN numbers are classified as (f), with no reference to GATT provisions. Sanitary (SN) and phyto-sanitary (PSN) regulations have been indicated for 32 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference to Article XX (b) and classified as (a). 12 four-digit CCCN numbers are subject to state trading (ST), and reference is made to Article XVII and classification (f).

8. Under "Other" (column 14) the application of internal taxes (NTX) is indicated for 9 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference to Article III and classified as (d). In the same column, the application of unspecified import restrictions (MR) to 35 four-digit CCCN numbers is listed making reference to Article XX (a), and classified as (a). One number is subject to arrangement on concerted discipline (ACD), and reference is made to Article XXIV with the classification (d, f).

9. Summary of classifications

(a) 8 types of measures concerning 122 four-digit CCCN numbers
(b) none
(c) 1 type of measure (classified as (c, f)) concerning 45 four-digit CCCN numbers
(d) 2 types of measures concerning 61 four-digit CCCN numbers (of which one measure covering 9 numbers is classified as (d, f))
(e) 2 types of measures concerning 19 four-digit CCCN numbers
(f) 7 types of measures concerning 283 four-digit CCCN numbers

For 1 type of measures concerning 17 four-digit CCCN numbers, no classification has been provided.

Note: Measures affecting both imports and exports may have been counted twice, and resulted in that also some four-digit CCCN numbers have been counted more than one time.