INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE
SUBMITTED BY JAPAN

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/M/2, paragraph 23). It attempts to provide a summary of the information submitted by Japan and circulated to members in document AG/FOR/JPN/1.

2. Document AG/FOR/JPN/1 contains also general notes on Japanese agriculture and agricultural policy, marketing standards, packing and labelling regulations and on sanitary and phytosanitary regulations.

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

Measures affecting exports

4. Measures reported affecting Japanese agricultural exports are limited to concessional sales (CCS), and donations (90) for rice, for which no reference to GATT provisions have been made, and to state trading for rice and tobacco with reference to Article XVII. All these measures have been classified as (f).

Measures affecting imports

5. Tariffs and specific duties are wholly or partially bound for 139 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference made to Article II and indicating the classification (f). No reference to GATT provisions has been made for tariff quotas (TQ) (applied to 5 four-digit CCCN numbers), but this measure has been classified as (f). Differential duties are indicated for 3 four-digit CCCN numbers, but no reference to GATT provisions or classification has been made for this measure. A mixed duty (MIXD) is applied to 1 four-digit CCCN number, classified as (f), and with no reference to GATT provisions. GSP rates are applied to 74 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference to the "Enabling Clause" and classified as (f). The application of variable levies (MLV) is indicated for 2 four-digit CCCN numbers, classified as (e) and with no reference to GATT provisions.
6. Global quotas (GQ) and discretionary licensing (DL), applied to 26 four-digit CCCN numbers, are mostly classified as (f) with no reference to GATT provisions. However, in 3 cases reference is made to Article XX with the classification (a) indicated for such measures.

7. Sanitary (SN) and phytosanitary (PSN) regulations are indicated for 66 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference made to Article XX (b) and classified as (a). Packaging regulation (PR) and labelling requirements (LR) are indicated for 2 four-digit CCCN numbers, classified as (f) with no reference to GATT provisions. Nine four-digit CCCN numbers are subject to state trading (ST), with reference made to Article XVII and classification (f).

8. Under "Other" (column 14) it is indicated that production control (PC), price support (PS) or deficiency payment (DP) are applied to 23 four-digit CCCN numbers. These measures are classified as (f) and no reference to GATT provisions is made. The application of internal taxes (NTX) is indicated for 22 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference made to Article III and classification (f).

9. Summary of classification
(a) 4 types of measures concerning 69 four-digit CCCN numbers
(b) none
(c) none
(d) none
(e) 1 type of measure concerning 2 four-digit CCCN numbers
(f) 12 types of measures concerning 301 four-digit CCCN numbers

For 1 type of measure concerning 3 four-digit CCCN numbers no classification has been provided.

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