Committee on Trade in Agriculture

INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE
SUBMITTED BY NEW ZEALAND

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 it was suggested by the Chairman at the meeting in June 1983 (AG/M/2, para. 23). It provides a summary of the information on measures affecting trade submitted by New Zealand in document AG/FOR/NZL/1.

2. New Zealand's information relates to all products falling within CCCN Chapters 1 to 24. It also contains some introductory remarks describing the measures maintained and explaining the modalities of their application.

Measures affecting export

3. Measures affecting export from New Zealand include export subsidies (XS), price support (PS), liberal licensing (LL), discretionary licensing (DL), voluntary restraint agreements (VRA), state trading (ST), a bilateral quota (BQ), an export restriction (XR), and a bilateral supply agreement (BSA).

4. Export subsidies (covering, wholly or partially, 109 CCCN at four-digit level) have been classified under (a), i.e. measures taken by virtue of provisions with special reference to agriculture in the General Agreement. Reference is made to the provisions of Article XVI:3.

5. Price support measures (covering, wholly or partially, 2 CCCN at four-digit level) have been also classified under (a), with reference to Article XVI.

6. Liberal licensing (covering, wholly or partially, 136 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified under (f), i.e. all other measures (other than those classified in para. 7 a-e of AG/1). No reference to GATT provisions is indicated.

7. Discretionary licensing (covering, wholly, or partially, 52 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified either under (a), or under (f). In the first case, reference is made to the provisions of Article XX, paragraph b or paragraph h (when the measures are maintained in connection with New Zealand participation to either the International Coffee Agreement, or the International Sugar Agreement), and the provisions of Article XI:2. In the second case, reference is made to the provisions of Article XX, paragraph g.
8. Voluntary restraint agreements (covering, wholly or partially, 4 CCCN at four-digit level) have been classified under (e), i.e. measures not explicitly provided for in the General Agreement.

9. The bilateral quota and the bilateral supply agreement (each covering 1 CCCN at four-digit level) have been also classified under (e).

10. The export restriction (which covers, partially, 1 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified under (a), with reference to the provision of Article XI:2.

11. State trading (covering, wholly or partially, 11 CCCN at four-digit levels) has been classified under (f). Reference is made to the provisions of Article XVII.

Measures affecting import

(i) Tariffs

12. Bound or partially bound duties apply to 122 CCCN at four-digit level. Bound duties have been classified under (f), with reference to Schedule XIII and the provisions of Article II. Unbound duties falling within partially bound CCCN have been classified under (c), i.e. measures resulting from the lack of observance or application of certain provisions of the General Agreement. Reference is also made to Article II.

13. No classification has been provided for other unbound duties (which apply to 42 CCCN at four-digit levels).

14. GSP (which covers, wholly or partially, 84 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified under (f). Reference is made to the enabling clause.

15. Other preferences (covering, wholly or partially, 104 CCCN at four-digit level) have been classified either under (d), i.e. measures resulting from particular interpretations of the General Agreement, or under (f), depending on the preferential system concerned. In the first case (ANZCERT Agreement), reference is made to Article XXIV. In the second case (preferences granted to Canada and to Pacific Islands under SPARTECA), reference is made respectively to Article 1:2 and the enabling clause.

(ii) Other measures

16. Other measures affecting import into New Zealand include import levies, (MLV), import restrictions (MR), import prohibitions (P), global quotas (GQ), automatic licensing (AL), discretionary licensing (DL), sanitary regulations (SN), phytosanitary regulations (PSN), labelling regulations (LR), packaging regulations (PR), marketing standards or regulations (MSR), state trading (ST), and a domestic subsidy (DS).
17. Import levies (covering 6 CCCN at four-digit level), sanitary regulations (covering, wholly or partially, 100 CCCN at four-digit level), phytosanitary regulations (covering, wholly or partially, 50 CCCN at four-digit level) labelling and packaging regulations (each covering 116 CCCN at four-digit level) and marketing standards or regulations (covering, wholly or partially, 110 CCCN at four-digit level) have been classified under (a), with reference to the provision of Article XXb.

18. Import restrictions (covering, wholly or partially, 42 CCCN at four-digit level) have also been generally classified under (a), with reference to Article XX, paragraph b or h (in connection with ISA and ICA). In two instances, however, import restrictions have been classified either under (c) or under (f), with no reference to GATT provisions.

19. Import prohibitions (covering, wholly or partially, 41 CCCN at four-digit level) have been classified either under (a), when taken by virtue of the provisions of Article XXb, or under (f), when taken by virtue of the provisions of Article XXg.

20. Global quotas and automatic licensing (each covering, wholly or partially, 77 CCCN at four-digit level) have been classified under (c). No reference to GATT provisions is indicated. In the case when these measures are maintained in connection with the ICA, they have been classified under (a), with reference to Article XXh.

21. Discretionary licensing (covering, wholly or partially, 5 CCCN at four-digit level) has also been classified under (c). No reference to GATT provisions is indicated.

22. State trading enterprises (covering, wholly or partially, 7 CCCN at four-digit level) have been classified under (f), with reference to Article XVII.

23. The domestic subsidy (which covers 1 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified under (a), with reference to Article XVI.

Summary
- 2 types of measures have been classified under (a)
- no measure has been classified under (b)
- 5 types of measures have been classified under (c)
- one measure has been classified under (d)
- 3 types of measures have been classified under (e)
- 10 types of measures have been classified under (f)
- for one type of measure no classification has been provided