Committee on Trade in Agriculture

INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE SUBMITTED BY PAKISTAN

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note summarizes the information provided by Pakistan in document AG/FOR/PAK/1 regarding measures affecting trade in agricultural products. As proposed by the Chairman at the meeting in June 1983 (AG/M/2, paragraph 23), the Secretariat has prepared this note in order to facilitate discussions in the Committee relating to Exercise A.

2. The notification submitted by Pakistan covers, in principle, 143 CCCN positions and sub-positions in Chapters 1 to 24; no other products or headings are covered.

Measures affecting exports

3. Measures affecting exports of agricultural products include prohibitions (P), unspecified restrictions (R), quotas (Q), quality control and special procedures for special products. Prohibitions (P) covering 16 CCCN positions at four-digit level are shown in Col. 7 and are classified under (a) with reference to the provisions of Article XI:2. In the same column, unspecified restrictions (R) (one item, i.e. 01.01) procedures adopted for "Special products", (CCCN positions 01.05, 070.01, 07.02, 07.04) quality control and quotas (Q) (CCCN positions 05.03, 05.07), are also classified in the same way.

4. No indication has been given of export subsidies or other export assistance measures, with or without reference to the relevant GATT provisions.

5. State-trading (covering 2 CCCN positions, i.e. 10.01, 10.06) has been classified under (f), with reference to Article XVII.

Measures affecting imports

(i) Tariffs

5. Of the 143 CCCN positions and sub-positions covered in this notification, 20 are imported at zero tariff rate; all others have tariffs ranging generally between 20 per cent and 60 per cent in ad valorem terms. Bindings apply to 18 of the four-digit CCCN positions, and are classified under (f), with reference to Article II. Some changes in bindings will inevitably occur after Pakistan's Schedule XV is re-negotiated and the results of the new import policy are incorporated. No reference is made to preferential tariffs or other regional trading arrangements.
(ii) Other measures

6. Other measures affecting imports into Pakistan are licensing (L), prohibitions (P), State-trading (ST), and an internal sales tax on duty-paid value of some agricultural products.

7. Licensing (covering 116 CCCN positions) has been classified under (f), i.e. all other measures (other than those classified in paragraph 7 a–e of AG/1). No reference to GATT provisions is indicated since the purpose of licensing is stated to be a statistical monitoring of imports.

8. An internal sales tax (Col. 9) ranging between 0–30 per cent is imposed (127 CCCN positions and sub-positions) merely for revenue purposes and is classified under (f) with reference to Article III.

9. Prohibitions are applied to 85 CCCN positions and sub-positions under Article XVIII:b and are classified under (f).

10. State-trading covers 6 CCCN positions at four-digit level and is classified under (f), with reference to Article XVII.

Summary

- 25 types of measures have been classified under (a)
- none of the measures has been classified under (b), (c), (d), or (e)
- all other measures have been shown under (f)