NOTIFICATIONS OF SUBSIDIES UNDER ARTICLE XVI

Addendum

By Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 2 March 1950, contracting parties maintaining subsidies falling within the scope of Article XVI of the Agreement are required to submit notifications as required by that Article.

The reports received from April to November 1953 were circulated in L/91/Add.1 and Add.2. A supplementary report by the United States, received since then, is reproduced herewith.

UNITED STATES

Supplementary Notification of 31 December 1953

Export Payment Programs

Fresh pears:-- The United States Department of Agriculture announced on 25 September 1953 an export payment program designed to encourage exports of fresh pears.

The program, effective from that day, provides for a flat rate of payment of $1.00 per standard pear box and is similar to programs which were in effect during the crop years 1949, 1950, and 1951. Payments will be made from funds authorized by Congress to encourage exports of agricultural commodities.

The purpose of the program is to help market this year's large crop of winter pears, produced principally on the West Coast. Eligible outlets include the principal countries in Europe, and South and Central America.

Honey:-- The United States Department of Agriculture announced on 16 October 1953 the termination of the 1953 Honey Export Program effective 17 October 1953. Approved applications from 1 April to the termination of the program amounted to approximately 25,000,000 pounds.
Oranges and Grapefruit:— The United States Department of Agriculture announced on 23 October 1953 an export payment program designed to encourage exports of fresh and processed oranges and grapefruit. Shipments of processed products under the program could begin on 31 October and of fresh oranges and grapefruit on 15 November.

The purpose of the program is to help market this year's large crops of oranges and grapefruit. The program provides for flat rates of payment established for each eligible product and is similar to programs which were in effect during the past five years. The rate of payment for fresh oranges will be $1.00 per box and for fresh grapefruit $0.75 per box. Payments will be made from funds authorized by Congress to encourage exports of agricultural commodities. Eligible countries include principal European countries (other than citrus producing countries).