INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON BUTTER MARKETING IN
THE UNITED KINGDOM

Draft Communiqué

1. In the light of the requests to the United Kingdom Government by Denmark and New Zealand for the imposition of dumping or countervailing duties on imports of subsidized and dumped butter, the United Kingdom requested that a GATT consultation should be held in Geneva between the countries principally concerned with the marketing of butter in the United Kingdom. Representatives of thirteen countries, who met from 12 to 15 September 1961, under the Chairmanship of Mr. E. Wyndham White, Executive Secretary of GATT, closely examined the present and prospective supply position of butter. They concluded that stability of the United Kingdom market could be achieved in the short term by some restraint on the level of exports. Means for achieving this aim were discussed in detail. It was also agreed that governments should be invited to give urgent attention to measures recommended at earlier GATT consultations designed to mitigate over-supply of this commodity, especially on the United Kingdom market. It was further agreed that governments should be invited to examine with their own butter producing and exporting interests the possibility of taking additional corrective measures to ensure longer term stability to the markets.

2. The following Governments were represented at the meeting:

Argentina
Australia
Denmark
Finland
France
Ireland

Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Poland
South Africa
Sweden
United Kingdom

The meeting was also attended by a representative of the Commission of the European Economic Community and observers were present from the FAO and the OEEC.

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