IV. Non-Tariff Devices

E. Approximately one third of the countries examined have GATT tariff bindings on all or some categories of meat imports. All but one of the countries concerned, the exception being the United States, maintain some form of non-tariff device which reduces the benefit of the bindings and, in some cases, largely nullifies them. These countries are important meat consumers.

The Committee notes that the application of non-tariff measures to products for which there is also tariff bindings on the part of importing countries is obviously of great significance to meat-exporting countries in connexion with tariff negotiations. The Committee also notes that some positive assurance of access to markets of countries with whom tariff concessions were negotiated is essential if exporting countries are to be able to participate effectively in these negotiations, and that to be of practical value, these assurances would need to form part of the schedule of concessions.

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