31. The representative of Japan pointed out that some description of the status report to the effect that the increase in demand for cheese has been covered by the domestic production, might be misleading and he suggested a factual description. Recalling the strong upward trend in cheese consumption in Japan, he stressed that the major part of the demand was covered through imports, which in 1989 had accounted for 80 per cent of total cheese supplies. He also pointed out the fact that in 1989, the consumption of cheese decreased slightly, and that in 1990, there had been a reduction in imported volume of 5 per cent, but the value of imports had increased by 11 per cent. He suggested this might be seen in relation to a structural and qualitative change possibly taking place, although detailed information was missing at this stage.