In June of this year, trade measures were taken which, although not directly aimed at the dairy products sector, affect it.

- Decree 188/82 imposes a minimum surcharge of 10 per cent on imports of goods, merchandise and products, making inapplicable the exemptions previously established by the Executive Branch.

- Decree 189/82, deeming it desirable to take short-term measures to improve earnings from the domestic added value of the export sector and, at the same time, to increase in equal measure, the tariff protection of domestic industry, establishes a general supplementary refund of 10 per cent for all exports and a general supplementary surcharge of 10 per cent to be applied to imports of all goods entering the country during the period of validity of the decree. As from 1 January 1983, the 10 per cent rates of the general supplementary refund and surcharge will be reduced by 0.8 per cent at monthly intervals. The remainder of 0.4 per cent applicable to the month of December 1983 will be cancelled as from 1 January 1984.

A measure which could affect the production of liquid milk was the establishment of a system of annual allocation of milk quotas to producers that introduces flexibility into the previous system, making it possible for those producers who have demonstrated efficiency through deliveries over the year and the winter season really to receive an incentive for their effort (Decree 243 of 15 July 1982).