INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

Reply to Questionnaire 5 Regarding Information on Domestic Policies and Trade Measures

Revision to Part C of Australia’s reply to Questionnaire 5 contained in document DPC/INV/3/Add.6:

PART C

Measures at the Frontier

AUSTRALIA’S TARIFF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHEESE

The Australian Government proclaimed the relevant section of the Customs Tariff Amendment Act (No. 3) 1986 on 1 June 1987 enabling the establishment of a tariff quota of 11,500 tonnes per year on certain cheese imports into Australia.

Under the arrangement imports under quota of cheese and curd falling to sub-item 04.04.9 in Schedule 3 to the Customs Tariff Act 1982 (see page 17, DPC/INV/3/Add.6) from sources other than New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Pacific Island Forum countries will continue to attract the duty rate of $A 96 per tonne. Imports falling to sub-item 04.04.9 outside of quota will be subject to duties of $A 2,100 per tonne.

Tariff quotas will be allocated by the Australian Customs Service to importers who lodge entries for home consumption (which were subsequently completed) for goods subject to quota during the base period 1 July 1985 to 30 June 1986. The quotas are transferable.

Tariff quota allocations will be issued initially for a thirteen-month period, 1 June 1987-30 June 1988. The initial allocation will be for quantities proportionate to 13/12 of imports by individual applicants during the base period.

Imports of cheese falling to sub-item 04.04.1 (see pages 15 and 16, DPC/INV/3/Add.6) will continue to enter duty free.