INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

Reply to Questionnaire 4

AUSTRALIA

(July-December 1986)

1. Milk

Milk production (deliveries to dairies) in the period July-December 1986 amounted to some 3,640 million litres, the same level as in the corresponding period of 1985. In view of a drop in the rate of growth of Victorian milk production since October, national milk production for 1986/87 season is forecast at 5,950 million litres, which is marginally below 1985/86 production of 6,038 million litres.

Market milk and manufactured milk production in the period July-December 1986 amounted to 825 and 2,815 million litres respectively, and are forecast at 1,650 and 4,300 million litres respectively for the 1986/87 season.

Exports of milk (fresh or fresh frozen) amounted to 7.6 million litres in July-December 1986, with Hong Kong and Singapore (taking approximately 3.7 and 1.4 million litres, respectively) being the major destinations. The average f.o.b. price for July-December 1986 was US$0.33 per litre. Imports of fresh milk were nil.

2. Other fresh products

No details of production and consumption of fresh products other than milk are available.

Exports of other fresh products not concentrated or sweetened (not including milk fresh or fresh frozen, but including fresh cream, skimmed milk, buttermilk, sour milk, sour cream, whey, kephir and yoghurt) were 1.0 million litres in the July-December period of 1986. Imports of fresh cream were nil.

3. Whey preserved, concentrated or sweetened

No details of production are available.

Exports of whey (preserved, concentrated or sweetened) totalled 2,339 tonnes in the period July-December 1986. Imports of whey, (preserved, concentrated or sweetened) in this period are not currently available.
The average f.o.b. price of whey for July-December 1986 was US$778 per tonne.

4. Concentrated milk

No details of production are available.

Exports of sweetened and unsweetened condensed milk were 2,420 tonnes in the period July-December 1986. Imports of condensed milk in the period July-December 1986 are not currently available.

The average f.o.b. price for sweetened condensed milk in the period July-December 1986 was US$764 and for unsweetened condensed milk US$718 per tonne.

5. Casein

Production of casein in the period July-December 1986 was 6,288 tonnes, a decrease of 10.2 per cent above the corresponding period in 1985 (7,000 tonnes). Forecast total production in 1986/87 is 7,500 tonnes, down 13.6 per cent from 1985/86 output (8,680 tonnes).

Exports of casein were 1,202 tonnes in the period July-December 1986. Imports of casein (including caseinates, other casein derivatives and casein glues) for the period July-December 1986 are not currently available.

The average export pool return, based on the minimum price set by the Australian Dairy Corporation, plus a 5 per cent indicative charge to approximate the f.o.b. price, was US$1,683 per tonne over the period July-December 1986.