International Dairy Arrangement

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

Reply to Questionnaire 4: Update on Trends

AUSTRALIA

(July-December 1989)

1. Milk

Milk production in Australia (deliveries to dairies) in the period July-December 1989 was 3,774 million litres, 1.3 per cent up on the corresponding period of 1988.

With drier seasonal conditions in late summer, production for the 1989-90 season is forecast to reach a similar level to 1988-89 at 6,300 million litres. Milk deliveries in calendar year 1989 were 6,338 million litres.

Market milk production in the July-December period of 1989 was 849 million litres, while 2,925 million litres was used in manufacturing. Overall milk utilization for 1989-90 is forecast at 1,700 million litres for market milk and 4,600 million litres for manufacturing purposes.

Exports of fresh milk in July-December amounted to 12.0 million litres. Hong Kong and Singapore remain the major export destinations. The average f.o.b. price for July-December for fresh milk was US$480 per kilolitre.

2. Other fresh products

No details of production, consumption of fresh products other than milk are available for the July-December 1989 period.

Exports of non-concentrated fresh cream were 32,100 litres during this period. While exports of yoghurt amounted to 444 tonnes, 177 tonnes of yoghurt were also imported during July-December 1989.

The average f.o.b. export price for fresh cream during July-December 1989 was US$900 per tonne. The average f.o.b. price for yoghurt during the same period US$1,420 per tonne.
3. **Whey preserved, concentrated or sweetened**

Powdered whey production in the July-December period of 1989 was 12,326 tonnes, an increase of 23.7 per cent on production in the same period of 1988.

Exports of whey powder in this period totalled 8,600 tonnes, more than three times the level of exports during this period in 1988. Imports of whey powder in this period reached 636 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price for whey powders in July-December was US$678 per tonne.

4. **Concentrated milk**

Complete details of production, consumption of concentrated milk are not available for the July-December period of 1989. However, production of condensed skim milk (including skim concentrate) in the period July-November 1989 was 21,200 tonnes, down 18 per cent on the same period of 1988.

Exports of sweetened and unsweetened condensed milk during July-December were 888 tonnes down 30 per cent on the previous year.

The average f.o.b. price of these exports was US$1,280 for sweetened and US$835 for unsweetened condensed milk.

Imports of condensed milk were 252 tonnes during July-December 1989.

5. **Casein**

Production of casein during July-December 1989 fell 17 per cent to 4,936 tonnes. Production for 1989-90 is now forecast to fall to 6,500 tonnes.

Exports of casein (including caseinates) were 1,880 tonnes in July-December 1989. During the same period imports of casein totalled 427 tonnes.

The average f.o.b. price for casein over July-December 1989 was US$4,900 per tonne.