International Dairy Arrangement

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

Reply to Questionnaire 4

AUSTRALIA

(July 1983-January 1984)

I. Milk

Milk production in the period July 1983 to January 1984 amounted to some 4,214 million litres, an increase of 5.7 per cent on the corresponding period in 1982-83. As a result of excellent seasonal conditions in all major dairy regions, milk production for the full 1983-84 season is expected to be in the vicinity of 5,800 million litres, 5 per cent up on the 1982-83 level.

Exports of milk (fresh or fresh frozen) amounted to 6.4 million litres for July-December 1983, with Hong Kong (taking approximately 3.4 million litres) being the major recipient. Imports of fresh milk (not concentrated or sweetened) were negligible.

II. 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 approximately 283,000 litres in the July-December period of 1983. Imports of fresh cream (not concentrated or sweetened) were negligible.

III. Whey Preserved, Concentrated or Sweetened

No details on production are available.

Exports of whey (preserved, concentrated or sweetened) totalled 1,496 tonnes in the July-December period of 1983. Imports of whey (preserved, concentrated or sweetened) amounted to 445 tonnes in this period.

Average f.o.b. prices for the July-December period were US$718/t.

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IV. Concentrated Milk

Production of unsweetened, condensed, concentrated and evaporated milk in the period July-December 1983 amounted to 17,222 tonnes, an increase of 1.7 per cent on the same period of the previous year.

Production of condensed, concentrated and evaporated skim milk in the period July-December 1983 amounted to 10,914 tonnes, an increase of 6.6 per cent on the corresponding period in 1982.

No details are available on the production of sweetened, condensed, concentrated and evaporated milk.

Exports of sweetened and unsweetened condensed milk totalled 2,704 tonnes over the July-December period of 1983. No data is available on imports of condensed milk.

The average f.o.b. price for sweetened condensed milk for July-December 1983 was US$1,259 and for unsweetened condensed milk US$1,038 per tonne.

V. Casein

Production of casein in the period July 1983-January 1984 amounted to 12,131 tonnes, an increase of 19.6 per cent on the corresponding period in 1982-83. Expected total production for 1983-84 is 13,300 tonnes.

Exports of casein totalled 4,872 tonnes for the period July-December 1983. No data is available on imports of casein.

The average export pool return, based on the minimum price set by the Australian Dairy Corporation plus 5 per cent indicative charge to approximate the f.o.b. price was US$2,296/tonne for the period July-December 1983. Actual prices received would have been above this level.

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