INTERNATIONAL MEAT COUNCIL

For discussion under agenda item No. 7 of the draft agenda, the following questions have been submitted by Canada:

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

At the last session of the IMC, there was some preliminary indication of increased milk output in the Community. More recent information suggests that a substantial surplus of milk is emerging. Against this background, are corrective measures to reduce dairy cow numbers likely to result in increased beef output during the remainder of 1983? In the medium term, are producers who give up dairying likely to commence producing beef?

AUSTRALIA

Is it possible to give an indication of the impact of the extended drought on the export availability of beef and subsequent Australian export policy in, (i) the remainder of 1983, (ii) 1984 and beyond?

NEW ZEALAND

To date in 1983, New Zealand’s exports to North America have been substantially higher than in 1982. What are the reasons for this sharp increase in exports? Is it expected that the higher level of exports will continue for the remainder of 1983?

ARGENTINA

What is the likely impact of recent changes in the value of the Argentine currency on the future volume of beef available for export?

UNITED STATES

The payment-in-kind (PIK) programme may be expected to result in resources, e.g. labour, land and buildings, normally used for the production of cereals being transferred into livestock production. Against this background, (i) will the land diverted out of grain production be used for grazing or forage production and lead to increased beef output in 1983/84? (ii) will the release of CCC feedstocks within the PIK programme result in increased beef and pork output during the remainder of 1983?