Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat

INTERNATIONAL MEAT COUNCIL

Inventory of Domestic Policies and Trade Measures and Information on Bilateral, Plurilateral or Multilateral Commitments

Reply to Parts G and H of the Questionnaire

JAPAN

Addendum

The participants have agreed to provide information concerning their domestic policies and trade measures including bilateral and plurilateral commitments on the basis of Parts G and H of the Questionnaire (Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure). The documents containing replies to these parts of the Questionnaire are circulated under the symbol IMC/INV; they are revised as and when changes are notified.

This set of documents constitutes the inventory of all measures affecting trade in bovine meat, including commitments resulting from bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral negotiations, which the Council has instructed the secretariat to draw up and keep up to date, under the provisions of Article III of the Arrangement (Note to Article III of the Arrangement and Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure).
PART G

Part G.I. Information on Domestic Policies and Trade Measures

III. Measures at the frontiers

(e) Policy regarding quantitative restrictions on imports

1. The Government of Japan, based on its current assessment of the supply-demand situation of beef for the years up to JFY 1987, estimates Japan's imports in JFY 1987 to be 177,000 tonnes and will endeavour, through the available mechanisms under the relevant laws and regulations in force in Japan, to bring the actual supply-demand (including imports) in line with this estimate.

   The increase of 36,000 tonnes over the JFY 1983 level will be distributed approximately equally each year.

2. (a) The Government of Japan is of the view that, under a stable supply-demand situation, the annual import level of chilled beef, which will be imported on a global basis, will be retained at 24,000 tonnes up to JFY 1987.

   In case of fluctuations in the supply-demand situation the annual import level may fall below 24,000 tonnes.

   (b) The Government of Japan is of the view that, under a stable supply-demand situation, the imports of aged beef, which will be imported on a global basis, will be 14,000 tonnes in JFY 1987.

   The increase of 4,000 tonnes over the current level (10,000 tonnes annually) will be phased in incrementally in even amounts each year.

   (c) The Government of Japan will exert efforts to exploit the demand for high-quality beef with a view to realizing in JFY 1987, the importation of 58,400 metric tons of high-quality beef, within the special and general quotas on a global basis. The increase of 27,600 metric tons over the JFY 1983 level will be phased in incrementally in even amounts each year.

   (d) The hotel quota will be increased from the current 3,000 metric tons per year to 4,000 metric tons per year in JFY 1984 and will be maintained at that level through JFY 1987.

3. The Government of Japan is of the view that Japan's beef imports will increase in the years immediately after JFY 1987.