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 will be revised as and when changes are notified.

This set of documents will constitute 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 Agreement. (Note to Article III of the Arrangement and Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure.)
PART G

Part G.1 - Information on domestic policies and trade measures

At the end of October 1982, the rate of exchange applicable to meat exports was based on a combination of the two official exchange markets - commercial and financial - and at that time the "mix" was 80 per cent commercial and 20 per cent financial. In addition, charges were applied on the f.o.b. value of meat exports at the rate of 20 per cent for quarters (bone-in and bone-out) and 15 per cent for cuts (bone-in and bone-out). Processed, canned and cooked meats were exempt from the export charge.

Part G.2 - Notification of policy changes

Nothing to report

Part H - Information on bilateral or plurilateral agreements in the field of bovine animals, meat and offals

1. Algeria: In May 1982 a second contract was signed between the National Meat Board and the Meat Purchasing Authority of the Algerian Government, providing for the supply of 6,500 tons of beef (frozen, bone-out), shipments to begin in August 1982. The first contract, covering 4,000 tons of beef (bone-out), was executed in the period February to May 1982.

2. Egypt and Israel: The bilateral long-term agreements concluded with these two countries by the National Meat Board for the supply of beef (frozen, bone-out) are in course of execution. In the period January to October 1982 45,000 tons of beef (frozen, bone-out) were exported to Egypt and 12,700 tons of frozen fore-quarter beef cuts (bone-out, prepared in accordance with the Kosher laws) were shipped to Israel under the two bilateral contracts.

3. USSR: The "framework agreement" for the supply of frozen beef, signed between the Argentine Government and the Government of the USSR and covering a minimum annual volume of 60,000 tons by weight (bone-out) and in respect of which private Argentine meat-processing firms are responsible for the contractual arrangements and implementation, is being carried through normally. The minimum volume for the year 1982 was already reached in the course of October.