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

European Economic Community

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 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

Information on Domestic Policies and Trade Measures

A. PRODUCTION

1. Support and/or stabilization measures

I. "BOVINE MEAT" SECTOR

1. A guide price is fixed each year for adult bovine animals. This is the price, valid for all categories of adult bovine animals marketed on representative markets of the Community, which is aimed at in a normal marketing year under the Community regulations.

The guide prices applicable in recent marketing years have been the following:

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2. (a) Intervention prices have been fixed at the following levels in recent marketing years (per 100 kg. of live weight):

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Purchases under the system of "permanent intervention" may take the form of carcasses, compensated quarters, half-carcasses and fore-or hind-quarters.

The maximum buying-in price per category in terms of live weight is calculated by adjusting the intervention price by a coefficient expressing the ratio to be established between the price of the quality in question and the price of adult bovine animals in normal production.

The maximum buying-in price per quality in terms of carcass weight is derived from the maximum buying-in price for live weight by applying a yield coefficient.
(b) Besides public intervention measures, aid for private storage may be granted. The amount of aid is:

- either determined by an adjudication procedure,
- or fixed in advance.

As in the case of public intervention measures, this aid can be granted in respect of carcasses, half-carcasses, compensated quarters and fore or hind-quarters.

3. For the 1982/1983 marketing year:

(1) By derogation from the principle of "permanent intervention", buying-in by intervention agencies can be suspended partially or entirely in a member State or region of a member State:

(a) by the Commission, when for three consecutive weeks the market price is more than 100 per cent but not more than 102 per cent of the minimum buying-in price;

(b) by the Commission, when for three consecutive weeks the market price is more than 102 per cent of the maximum price;

(2) If buying-in by intervention agencies has been suspended in pursuance of point 1, the Commission decides to re-establish it when for two consecutive weeks the market price does not exceed the maximum buying-in price.

4. In addition, the intervention system for bovine meat has been adapted to seasonal variations in market prices by limiting buying-in by the public intervention agencies of fore-quarters during the summer period and hind-quarters during the winter period, buying-in of carcasses or compensated quarters being the rule during the autumn period when cattle are brought in from pasture.

II. "SHEEPMEAT" SECTOR

1. As from 20 October 1980, the Community has made effective basic regulations on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat. With a view to attaining a single market based on a common price system, this common organization, like the others, comprises:

- a price, premium and intervention system;
- a system covering trade with third countries.
The first system, which provides for a common basic price and for regional reference prices (harmonized progressively over a four-year period), provides for:

- the grant of premiums for the benefit of producers, payable per ewe and covering the difference between the reference price for each region and the market price;

- the application of support measures tied to the situation of the market price in relation to the basic price, in the form of either variable slaughter premiums or market intervention measures (private storage aid and, where appropriate, public purchases).

In the context of the system covering trade with third countries, self-restraint agreements have been concluded with the Community's principal supplying countries (twelve third countries).

In this way, traditional trade flows have been safeguarded:

- either in the context of the self-restraint agreements which have been concluded with supplying countries;

- or in the context of autonomous quotas granted by the Community.

In this connection, it should be underlined that the Community has reduced to 10 per cent ad valorem the level of the import charge applicable in this sector - as against 20 per cent for meat and 15 per cent for live animals under the system previously in effect - and that quantitative and restrictive measures on imports applied by certain member States have been eliminated.

Where necessary, the grant of refunds could be put into effect.

2. For the three most recent marketing years, the basic prices have been the following:

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No intervention purchase or private storage measures have yet been taken.

Having regard to the particular situation of their respective markets, premiums for the benefit of producers have been paid only in Ireland and the United Kingdom; similarly, variable slaughter premiums have been granted only in this latter State.