Multilateral Trade Negotiations

GROUP 3(e) - BASIC DOCUMENTATION

Inventory of Quantitative Import Restrictions
Applied by Countries Covered by the Joint Working Group

AUSTRALIA

Revision

Note: The notification concerning CCCN ex 18.06 has been deleted from this document.
Product: Beet sugar and cane sugar, solid (17.01)  

Country or group maintaining measures: Australia  

Countries indicating an interest: Japan, Romania, United States

(a) Description:

The importation of sugar is prohibited (except with the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Primary Industry or an officer authorised by him) under the Sugar Agreement Act.

(b) Comments by other countries:

Japan: As Australia is the second largest (after Cuba) sugar exporter, it is difficult to understand why there is a prohibition.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Legislation prohibiting the import of sugar has been in force for many years. The measures in relation to imports are an integral part of production and marketing arrangements for Australia's sugar industry under which production and prices as well as imports are closely controlled.

Reference: L/3653/Add.16

November 1977
Product: (CCCN) Other sugars; sugar syrups; artificial honey ...; caramel (17.02)

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(a) Description:

The importation of syrup (17.02.900) is prohibited (except with the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Primary Industry or an officer authorized by him) under the Sugar Agreement Act.

(b) Comments by other countries:

**United Kingdom:** A useful market for United Kingdom syrups could be developed in Australia if the prohibition were removed, especially for high quality golden syrup. This product would sell at a higher price than the Australian product, and thus would not offer price competition. As a major exporter to the United Kingdom benefiting from membership in the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement, Australia has the capacities to import useful quantities of this non-competitive United Kingdom product.

(c) Comments by the country maintaining the measures:

Legislation prohibiting the import of sugar and syrup has been in force for many years. The measures in relation to imports are an integral part of production and marketing arrangements for Australia's sugar industry under which production and prices as well as imports are closely controlled.

Reference: L/3653/Add.16

November 1977
Product: Molasses, whether or not decolourized (17.03) (CCCN)

Country or group maintaining measures: 
Australia

Countries indicating an interest:
Philippines
Romania

(a) Description:

The importation of sugar (in molasses) is prohibited (except with the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Primary Industry or an officer authorized by him) under the Sugar Agreement Act.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Legislation prohibiting the import of sugar (in molasses) has been in force for many years. The measures in relation to imports are an integral part of production and marketing arrangements for Australia's sugar industry under which production and prices as well as imports are closely controlled.

Reference: L/3653/Add.16

November 1977
Product: Flavoured or coloured sugars, syrups and molasses, ...
(CCCN)

Country or group maintaining measures: Australia
Countries indicating an interest: Romania

(a) Description:

The importation of sugar, golden syrup and treacle is prohibited (except with the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Primary Industry or an officer authorized by him) under the Sugar Agreement Act.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Legislation prohibiting the import of sugar, golden syrup and treacle has been in force for many years. The measures in relation to imports are an integral part of production and marketing arrangements for Australia's sugar industry under which production and prices as well as imports are closely controlled.

Reference: L/3653/Add.16

November 1977