RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following communication received from the delegation of Jamaica in response to requests for additional trade information addressed by the United States (MTN.GNG/NG6/TI/1) is circulated to members of the Group.

I am writing in response to your letter of 30th March, 1988 requesting information on Jamaica's policies regarding certain tropical products, namely rice, coffee, cocoa and cocoa products, bananas and pimento.

I have been asked to inform you that: (i) Jamaica has no specific import licence for rice; (ii) Jamaica Commodity Trading Company (JCTC) is the only agency authorized to import rice; (iii) the quantity of rice imported depends on existing demand: in 1987 Jamaica imported approximately 50,000 metric tons; (iv) Jamaica has no area regulations for importation of rice.

In the cases of coffee, cocoa and cocoa products, pimento and bananas, I have been asked to provide the following information: (i) qualified growers can export coffee, cocoa and pimento in accordance with guidelines issued by the respective Commodity Boards; (ii) the export of bananas to the United Kingdom can only be undertaken by the Banana Export Company (BECO) - export to other markets requires authorization from the Banana Board; (iii) of the above named products only coffee and bananas are subject to export quotas; (iv) there is no quota on imports of the above named products.