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## INTERNATIONAL MEAT OFFICE

The following is the text of a telex dated 11 March 1975 received from the International Meat Office.

The International Meat Office, a legal entity under private law, has been established to facilitate, through international collaboration, the solution of questions of all kinds arising in all fields of the meat economy.

Its initial headquarters are at Madrid.

Its statutes make mandatory provision for:

- Establishment of relations with professional associations in all economic sectors concerned with meat for the promotion and defence of the interests that they represent;
- Promotion of achievements in international markets in order to gain a better knowledge of their structure and functioning, to contribute to clarity and fluidity by means of a documentation, information and exchange service;
- Collaboration for organization of the market, supporting stability and expansion of production, industrial processing, consumption and trade at world level;
- Study of the economy of meat production, industry and distribution, and in particular of trends, plans and possibilities for economic expansion;
- Collaboration with governments and with national and international organizations, whether governmental or non-governmental, for the solution of questions pertaining to the meat economy;
- Formulation and preparation of projects contributing to the co-ordination of interests and likewise to the equity and harmony of international economic relations, concerning production of cattle on the hoof, refrigerated slaughter-houses and the meat processing industry;
- Organization of international meat exchanges, and promotion of an international institute for meat research and technology;

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- Establishment of contacts with universities and research institutions and organization of seminars on the topic of meat;
- Convening and organization of world meat congresses;
- Consideration of everything relating to the meat economy.

The active members of the IMO are national private professional associations or organizations of stock-breeders, slaughterers, manufacturers or traders concerned with meat or cattle. The founders are the following organizations:

- American Hereford Association
- Agrupación española de mataderos generales frigoríficos
- Organisation belge des importateurs de viande
- Federación de industrias de la carne de Argentina
- Ciclo de producción del sindicato nacional ganadería de España
- Sociedad rural Argentina
- Cámara nacional de la carne de Chile
- Asociación rural del Uruguay
- Ciclo de comercio del sindicato nacional ganadería
- Cámara frigorífica del Uruguay
- Asociación de ganaderos de Nicaragua
- Consorzio Italiano macellatori industriali (CIM)
- Association des commerçants de viande du Conseil de Lisbonne

President: William T. Berry, Jnr., United States

Vice-President: Dr. Elio Ragno, Italy

Secretary-General: Don José Luis Paramo-Neyra, Spain

Director-General: Javier de Garcillan Prieto, Spain

The priority objectives assigned to the IMO concern in particular the study of the structure and functioning of the market, the establishment of international exchanges and the preparation of a world meat congress to be convened at Buenos Aires in 1976.