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Licensing, Import Restrictions and State-Trading Régimes in Respect of Products in CCCN² Chapters 1-24

Applied by:

UNITED STATES

This document is one in a series which updates the information originally circulated in the MTN/3E/DOC/7 and Addenda series. For non-tariff measures (NTM) other than those covered by this document please refer to document AG/DOC/1 which provides an overview of the way in which NTM information is organized within the AG/DOC/- series.

¹According to document L/1949/Add.1, the United States has no State-trading enterprises for agricultural products in the sense of Article XVII.

²As there is some overlap between some of the TSUS and certain CCCN positions not covered by this document (02.06, 16.02 18.06, 21.07 and 23.07), see footnotes to positions 02.01 and 04.02.

Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Meat and edible offals (02.01)	United States	Argentina Australia Canada New Zealand Romania

(a) Description:

Adjusted base import quantity published prior to beginning of each calendar year. If import estimate (released quarterly) equals or exceeds 110 per cent of base quantity, imports may be limited to the base quantity, but not less than 1,250 million pounds. Programme covers imports of meat of cattle (TSUS 106.10) and meat of sheep, except lamb (TSUS 106.22), meat of goat (TSUS 106.25) and certain prepared and preserved meats (TSUS 107.55, 107.61, 107.62).¹

(b) Comments by other countries:

New Zealand considers that restraint action by suppliers acts as a form of restriction.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

The new system was implemented in 1979, replacing the previous meat import law. A basic import level of 1,204.6 million pounds (product weight) is established. This level (the average import level during 1968-77) is modified by a production adjustment factor and a counter-cyclical factor. Regardless of formula calculations, the level of imports may not be less than 1,250 million pounds.

¹ TSUS positions 107.61 and -.62 overlap to some extent with CCCN positions 02.01 and 02.06, but - as does TSUS 107.55 - mainly concern items classifiable in the CCCN under heading 16.02.

Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Milk and cream, fresh not concentrated or sweetened (04.01)	United States	

(a) Description:

Imports of fluid milk and cream, fresh or sour, containing over 5.5 per cent, but not over 45 per cent, butterfat (TSUS 115.20, 115.25) are subject to quotas allocated by country.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See under 04.02 and 04.04

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Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Milk and cream, preserved, concentrated or sweetened (04.02)	United States	Argentina Australia Austria Brazil Canada New Zealand Philippines

(a) Description:

Imports of milk and cream, condensed or evaporated (TSUS 115.30, 115.35, 115.40), dried milk and cream (TSUS 115.45, 115.50, 115.55, 115.60) and dried whey (TSUS 118.05), are subject to global quotas and quotas allocated by country.

(b) Comments by other countries:

Australia: The United States has failed to expand access for condensed and evaporated milks (e.g. under the MTN) in the face of falling United States production.

Canada: See under 04.04.

New Zealand thinks that consumption is being limited due to artificially high price levels. This is causing increased use of substitute products.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Import restrictions are in conjunction with programmes designed to stabilize supply and demand in the dairy industry, and to stabilize prices and domestic dairy incomes. (Applies also to chocolate crumb, ex 18.06 and to certain items - TSUS 182.92, -93, and -95.40, e.g. food preparations n.e.s., covered by CCCN 21.07, and to TSUS 184.75 - animal feeds containing milk or milk derivatives, i.e. an ex-position under CCCN 23.07.)

cf. also under 04.04

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Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Butter (04.03)	United States	Argentina Romania

(a) Description:

Imports of butter and fresh or sour cream containing over 45 per cent of butterfat (TSUS 116.00, 116.05, 116.06, 116.10, 116.15, 116.16, 116.20, 116.25, 116.26) and other animal oils, - fats and - greases, edible, derived from milk (butter oil) (TSUS 177.67 pt.) are subject to global quotas and quotas allocated by country.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Import restrictions are in conjunction with programmes designed to stabilize supply and demand in the dairy industry and to stabilize prices and domestic dairy incomes.

See under 04.04

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Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Cheese and curd (04.04)	United States	Argentina Canada Israel Romania United Kingdom

(a) Description:

Imports of certain cheeses (TSUS 117.00, 117.05, 117.15, 117.60, 117.75, 117.88,) are subject to global quotas and quotas allocated by country.

(b) Comments by other countries:

Canada: In 1955 the United States obtained a waiver for its obligations under the GATT with respect to Section 22 import restrictions. Under the terms of the waiver, the United States was to remove or relax each restriction when the circumstances requiring such restrictions no longer existed. The waiver was granted under the expectation that it would be needed for a relatively short period.

Maintenance of quotas for these products (e.g. Cheddar and other cheeses, canned milk, sugar, sugar syrups and molasses) has resulted in reduced access to the United States market.

Although import quotas have been suspended for certain other products (e.g. wheat flour, barley and barley malt), the quotas may be re-instated at any time.

Canada therefore requests that the United States apply the full provisions of the General Agreement to those agricultural products now subject to import restrictions under cover of the 1955 waiver.

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- ¹ 117.00, 05 - Blue-mould cheese (excluding Roquefort cheese)
 117.15 - Cheddar cheese not processed otherwise than by division into pieces
 117.60 - Swiss or Emmenthal cheese with eye formation, Gruyère-process cheese, Gammelort and Nockelo
 117.75 - Other cheeses and substitutes for cheeses valued not over 25 cents/pound
 117.88 - Certain other cheeses valued over 25 cents/pound - excluding certain Italian-type cheeses made from cow's milk (Domano, Parmesano, Reggiano, Provoloni, Provolette and Sbrinz, or those processed from such cheeses.

Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Cheese and curd (04.04) cont'd	United States	Argentina Canada Israel Romania United Kingdom

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Import restrictions are in conjunction with programmes designed to stabilize supply and demand in the dairy industry, and to stabilize prices and domestic dairy incomes.

See also: L/5328, dated 15 June 1982, United States - Agricultural Adjustment Act, 24th Annual Report.

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June 1982

Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
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Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits (12.01)	United States	
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(a) Description:

Global quota for imports of peanuts, shelled or unshelled (TSUS 145.20, 145.21, 145.48.70).

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

The United States has a domestic price support programme for peanuts.

Import controls on peanuts are being continued to prevent material interference with United States programmes and operations relating to peanuts.

See also L/5328, dated 15 June 1982, United States - Agricultural Adjustment Act, 24th Annual Report.

Reference: COM.AG/W/4/Add.6
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June 1982

Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Margarine, imitation lard and other prepared edible fats (15.13)	United States	

(a) Description:

Global quotas for imports of butter substitutes containing over 45 per cent butterfats (TSUS 116.30) (butter oils).

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

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COM.AG/W/72/Add.18
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April 1982

Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Beet sugar and cane sugar, solid (17.01)	United States	Canada Romania

(a) Description:

Global quota, quota allocated collectively towards members of International Sugar Agreement and non-members for imports of sugar derived from sugar beets or sugar cane, dry form (TSUS 155.20, 155.21).

(b) Comments by other countries:

Canada: See under 04.04.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

The United States maintains an adjustable import fee mechanism for imports of sugar (TSUS 155.20 and 155.30 - the latter under CCCN 17.02) in conjunction with a global quota and import duty. The fee is under the authority of Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended.

The fee is adjustable quarterly, on the first day of each calendar quarter, or more frequently if significant price movements occur, based on world sugar prices reported during a representative period. The fee is calculated as a residual and is the difference between the domestic market stabilization price and the landed price of Caribbean sugar. The calculation of the current fee is shown below:

	Cents/pound
Market stabilization price	19.0800
<u>Less:</u> World market price	12.6225
(Based on twenty "market days" between 20 November and 18 December 1981),	
Transportation, handling	1.5032
Duty (on raw sugar)	2.8125
<u>Equals:</u> Fee (on raw sugar)	<u>2.1418</u>

The market stabilization price is established annually, prior to each Fiscal Year (1 October-30 September), and represents the basic support price or loan rate, as established in P.L. 97-98, plus a "cushion" designed to prevent forfeiture of sugar to the Commodity Credit Programme.

Import fees for sugar have been authorized since November 1977. Since then they were imposed at various levels between until October 1979 when they were reduced to 0.00 cents for raw sugar and 0.52 for refined. Fees for raw sugar were re-imposed on 11 September 1981, at 1.0 cents/pound and raised on 1 October 1981 to 1.531 cents (cf. also: AG/DOC/6/US/1).

See also: L/5328 - dated 15 June 1982, United States - Agricultural Adjustment Act, 24th Annual Report.

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Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Other sugars; sugar syrops; artificial honey (whether or not mixed with natural honey);. caramel (17.02)	United States	Canada

(a) Description:

Global quota¹ for imports of sugar, derived from sugar beets or sugar cane, soluble form (TSUS 155.30, 155.31, 901.00) allocated collectively to ISA members and non-members.

(b) Comments by other countries:

Canada: See under 04.04.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See under 17.01

¹Sugar content is applied against the global quota on sugar - (see item 17.01)

Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Molasses, whether or not decolourized (17.03)	United States	Canada

(a) Description:

Global quota - only the sugar content of edible molasses is applied against the global quota on sugar (see item 17.01).

(b) Comments by other countries:

Canada: See under 04.04.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Reference: L/5265

April 1982

Product: (CCCN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Preparations of flour, starch or malt extract, used as infant-food or for dietary or culinary purposes ... (19.02)	United States	Philippines [Canada]

(a) Description:

Global quotas for imports of malted milk and certain articles of milk and cream (TSUS 118.30).

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Reference: L/3737
COM.AG/W/72/Add.18

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