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## Committee on Trade in Agriculture

### INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE SUBMITTED BY CANADA

#### Note by the Secretariat

1. This note has been prepared by the secretariat in order to facilitate the organization of the discussion in the Committee, notably with respect to Exercise A, as it was suggested by the Chairman at the meeting in June 1983 (AG/M/2, para. 23). It provides a summary of the information on measures affecting trade submitted by Canada in document AG/FOR/CAN/1.

2. Canada's information covers all products for which it has been possible to establish a concordance between CCCN Chapters 1-24 and the Canadian tariff classification system. It also provides brief explanatory notes to column 8 and column 16 of the format and to the information submitted with respect to trade measures affecting fishery products.

#### Measures affecting exports

3. Measures affecting exports from Canada include domestic subsidies (DS), deficiency payments (DP), price support (PS), unspecified subsidies (S), income support (IS), dual pricing (DPR), donations (DO), discretionary licensing (DL), export credit guarantees (XCG), state trading (ST), and production controls (PC).

4. Domestic subsidies (covering 7 CCCN at four-digit level), deficiency payments (covering 3 CCCN at four-digit level), price support (covering 12 CCCN at four-digit level), unspecified subsidies (covering 16 CCCN at four-digit level), income support (covering 6 CCCN at four-digit level), dual pricing (covering 2 CCCN at four-digit level), donations (covering 6 CCCN at four-digit level), and export credit guarantees (covering 2 CCCN at four-digit level) have all been classified under (a), i.e. measures taken by virtue of provisions with special reference to agriculture in the General Agreement. Reference is made to the provisions of Article XVI.

5. Discretionary licensing (covering 3 CCCN at four-digit level) has also been classified under (a), with reference to the provisions of Article XX.

6. State trading (covering 5 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified under (f), i.e. all other measures (other than those classified in para. 7 a-e of AG/1). Reference is made to Article XVII.

7. Price controls (covering 7 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified under (a), with reference to the provisions of Article XI.

Measures affecting imports

(i) Tariffs

8. Bound or partially bound duties apply to 164 CCCN at four-digit level. Bound duties have been classified under (f), with reference to Schedule V and Article II. Reference to Schedule V is also indicated with respect to partially bound duties, but no classification has been provided in this case.

9. Classification is neither provided for unbound duties (covering 5 CCCN at four-digit level) nor for mixed duties (covering 7 CCCN at four-digit level).

10. GSP (covering about 97 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified under (f).

11. Other preferences, notably British Preferential Tariffs, have been also classified under (f). Reference is made to Article I.

(ii) Other measures

12. Other measures affecting import into Canada include global quotas (GQ), discretionary licensing (DL), liberal licensing (LL), import prohibition (P), phytosanitary regulations (PSN), packaging regulations (PR), labelling regulations (LR), marketing standards or regulations (MSR), state trading (ST), domestic subsidies (DS), deficiency payments (DP), production controls (PC), price support (PS) unspecified subsidies (S), and income support (IS).

13. Global quotas (covering 5 CCCN at four-digit level) and price controls (covering 7 CCCN at four-digit level) have been both classified under (a), with reference to the provisions of Article XI.

14. Discretionary licensing (covering 16 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified either under (a), or under (b), i.e. measures taken by virtue of protocols of provisional application. In the first case, mention is made of Article XI or Article XX (when taken in connection with Canada's participation to international conventions to protect endangered species). In the second case, reference is made to the Protocol of Provisional Application (PPA)

15. Liberal licensing (covering 4 CCCN at four-digit level), maintained in connection with Canada's participation to the International Coffee Agreement and the International Sugar Agreement, has been classified under (a), with reference to Article XX.

16. The import prohibition (which covers 1 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified under (b), with reference to the PPA.

17. Phytosanitary regulations (covering 16 CCCN at four-digit level), packaging and labelling regulations (each covering 7 CCCN at four-digit level) and the marketing standard or regulation (which cover 1 CCCN at four-digit level) have been also classified under (a), with reference to Article XX.

18. State trading (covering 14 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified under (f). Reference is made to Article XVII.

19. Domestic subsidies (covering 7 CCCN at four-digit level), deficiency payments (covering 3 CCCN at four-digit level), price support (covering 9 CCCN at four-digit level), unspecified subsidies (covering 16 CCCN at four-digit level) and income support (covering 6 CCCN at four-digit level) have been classified under (a), with reference to the provisions of Article XVI.

#### Summary

- 23 types of measures have been classified under (a)
- 2 types of measures have been classified under (b)
- no measure has been classified under (c)
- no measure has been classified under (d)
- no measure has been classified under (e)
- 5 measures have been classified under (f)
- for 3 types of measure no classification has been provided