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### INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE SUBMITTED BY THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

#### Note by the Secretariat

1. This note summarizes the information provided by the Arab Republic of Egypt regarding measures affecting trade in agricultural products in document AG/FOR/EGY/1.

2. The information supplied covers all products falling within CCCN chapters 1 to 24, i.e. 163 CCCN headings at the four-digit level; no other products or headings are covered.

#### Measures affecting exports

3. Regarding measures and mechanisms affecting exports (column 2 to column 7), the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has informed that no such measures exist except for State trading for exports of rice (CCCN 10.06), and quality control regulations for most products. These measures are classified under (f).

#### Measures affecting imports

##### (i) Tariffs and GATT bindings

4. Of the 163 CCCN positions, 16 are partially or completely bound under the GATT. These bindings are shown with reference to Schedule LXIII and the GATT Article II, classified under (c or f). The symbol "OP" - for other preferential duties - is shown for another 16 CCCN positions, with reference to the "Enabling Clause" and classified under (f). Tariff rates generally range between zero and 150 per cent in ad valorem terms; 8 CCCN positions (22.02 to 22.09) are, however, in the bracket of 100 per cent to 3000 per cent tariff rates. About 55 CCCN positions and sub-positions are imported free of duty.

##### (ii) Other measures

5. Other measures affecting imports of agricultural products into the Arab Republic of Egypt include licensing (L), sanitary and phyto-sanitary regulations (SN, PSN), State trading (ST), labelling and packaging regulations (LR, PR) and prohibitions (P).

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6. Licensing under Article XVIII:b has been indicated for 57 CCCN positions and sub-positions and classified under (f).
7. Sanitary and phyto-sanitary requirements under Article XX:b have been shown for 63 positions and classified under (a).
8. State trading is indicated for 14 items under Article XVII, with the classification (f).
9. Prohibition exists for one item 13.03 (opium, hashish) with reference to the GATT Article XX:a, which is classified under (a).

Summary

- 63 measures have been classified under (a)
- none under (b) and (d)
- 7 measures have been shown under (c)
- 123 measures have been classified under (f)