Committee on Trade in Agriculture

INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE
SUBMITTED BY SPAIN

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 Spain in document AG/FOR/ESP/1.

2. Spain's information covers all products falling within CCCN Chapters 1-24, excluding fish and fishery products. It also contains detailed introductory remarks describing Spanish agriculture and agricultural policy. Explanatory notes are also provided for illustrating the measures maintained and modalities of their application.

Measures affecting export

3. Spain maintains export subsidies on 9 CCCN, wholly or partially, at four digit level. These measures have been classified under (a), i.e. measures taken by virtue of provision with special reference to agriculture in the General Agreement. Reference is made to the provisions of Article XVI:3.

Measures affecting import

(i) Tariffs

4. Spain's information on tariffs is confined to bound duties, which apply, wholly or partially, to 49 CCCN at four-digit level. They have 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 Schedule XLV and Article II.
(ii) Other measures

5. Other measures affecting import into Spain include various charges, import levies (MLV), automatic licensing (AL), discretionary licensing (DL), global quotas (GQ); sanitary regulations (SN), phytosanitary regulations (PSN), marketing standards or regulations (MSR), packaging regulations (PR), labelling regulations (LR) and state trading (ST).

6. A levy compensating domestic taxes is charged on all products. It has been classified under (d), i.e. measures resulting from particular interpretations of the General Agreement. Reference is made to Article III. In one case a charge imposed for social reasons is added to the levy, while a tax on luxury goods is also added with respect to 6 CCCN, wholly or partially, at four-digit level. These additional taxes have been also classified under (d), with reference to Article III.

7. Import levies, (which cover, wholly or partially, 19 CCCN at four-digit level) have been classified under (e), i.e. measures not explicitly provided for in the General Agreement.

8. Automatic licensing (covering 108 CCCN of four-digit level) has been classified under (f), with reference to the provisions of Article VIII.

9. Discretionary licensing (covering 68 CCCN at four-digit level) and global quotas (covering 8 CCCN at four-digit level) have been both classified under (b), i.e. measures taken by virtue of provisions of protocols of provisional application or accession. Reference is made to Spain's Protocol of Accession.

10. Sanitary and phyto-sanitary regulations apply to all products. They have been classified under (a), with reference to the provisions of Article XX b.

11. Marketing standards or regulations, packaging regulations, and labelling regulations (which cover, wholly or partially, 128 CCCN at four-digit level) have been also classified under (a), with reference to the provisions of Article XX b.

12. State trading (covering, wholly or partially, 41 CCCN at four-digit level) has been classified under (f), with reference to Article XVII.

Summary

- 6 types of measures have been classified under (a)
- 2 types of measures have been classified under (b)
- no measure has been classified under (c)
- three types of measures have been classified under (d)
- one measure has been classified under (e)
- three types of measures have been classified under (f).