Committee on Trade in Agriculture

INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE

Submitted by Iceland

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note provides a summary of the information submitted by Iceland in respect of measures affecting trade in agricultural products as contained in document AG/FOR/ISL/1.

2. The information relates to 171 CCCN positions at the four-digit level in chapters 1 to 24; no other products or headings are covered. The introductory note on pages 2 to 4 gives a brief profile of Iceland's agriculture and discusses the rationale and objectives of the agricultural policy pursued.

Measures affecting exports

3. Export assistance measures (OXA) under Art. XVI of GATT have been indicated for meat (02.01), milk or cream, preserved or concentrated (04.02), butter (04.03) and cheeses (04.04). This measure has been shown under the symbol (a).

Measures affecting imports

(i) Tariffs and GATT bindings

4. Tariffs range between 0 and 80 per cent in ad valorem terms. Of the 171 CCCN positions, 56 positions are free of duty, out of which 43 items have 0 bound rates. In all, 89 CCCN positions are completely bound under GATT Article II and shown with symbol (f) and 23 positions are partially bound with symbol (c). Preferences for the EFTA countries have been shown under Article XXIV for 31 CCCN positions, with symbol (d).
(ii) Other measures

5. Other measures affecting imports are licensing (L), seasonal restrictions (SR), state trading (ST), sanitary and phytosanitary regulations (SN, PSN).

6. Licensing is applied to imports of 27 CCCN positions and sub-positions covering mainly meat (01.01-01.06, 02.01-02.06), dairy products (04.01-04.04) (04.05), foliage (06.04), coffee (09.01), lard and poultry fat (15.01), stearin (15.02, 15.03) and margarine (15.13), sausages and other meat products (16.01, 16.02), other food preparations, n.e.s. (21.07). Seasonal restrictions are applied to imports of live trees, shrubs etc. (06.02) cut flowers (06.03) and fresh vegetables - potatoes (07.01). No GATT Article has been indicated for licensing and seasonal restrictions, except that they have been shown with the symbol (f).

7. State trading exists for 8 CCCN positions, i.e., fresh vegetables (07.01), wines, vermouths, spirits etc, (22.05 to 22.09) and tobacco (24.01, 24.02). Article XVII has been invoked for this measure with the symbol (f).

8. Sanitary and phytosanitary regulations are applied to 25 CCCN positions under GATT Article XX:b and are shown with symbol (a).

Summary
- 29 measures have been classified under (a)
- none under (b) and (e)
- 23 under (c)
- 31 measures have been indicated under (d)
- 127 measures have been shown under (f).