General Agreement on
Tariffs and Trade

Committee on Trade in Agriculture

Information on Measures Affecting Trade
Submitted by Israel

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 was suggested by the Chairman at the meeting in June 1983 (AG/M/2, paragraph 23). It attempts to provide a summary of the information submitted by Israel and circulated to members in document AG/FOR/ISR/1.

2. Document AG/FOR/ISR/1 contains explanatory notes giving further details about the application of a few measures of general application, and which may not have been explicitly indicated in the table. The products falling within CCCN Chapters 1 to 24 are covered.

Measures affecting exports

3. Measures affecting Israeli agricultural exports include a system of domestic support (DS) and a system of deficiency payment (DP) applied to 11 CCCN headings, which have been classified as (f) with no reference to GATT provisions. State trading (ST) has been indicated for 2 CCCN four-digit headings with reference to Article XVII and classified as (f). Production control (PC) has been indicated for 2 CCCN headings, also classified as (f) with no reference to GATT provisions. The same is the case for promotional activities (PA) indicated for 13 CCCN headings.

Measures affecting imports

4. Tariffs are wholly or partially bound for 22 CCCN four-digit headings, and reference has been made to Article II and the classification (f). Preferential treatment has been indicated for 7 CCCN headings, with reference to "Procole 16" and classified as (f). An import levy (MLV) is applied to 44 CCCN headings classified as (e) with no reference to GATT provisions. The application of discretionary licensing (DL) has been indicated for a total of 99 CCCN headings, with reference to Article XI:2c and the classification (a) in some cases and with no reference to GATT provisions and no classification in others, (BOP). Veterinary permits (V), prohibition (P), sanitary regulations (SN), and phytosanitary regulations (PSN) have been indicated in the case of 25 CCCN headings, with reference to Article XX and classification (a). Labelling regulations (LR) and marketing standards (MSR) have been indicated for 41 headings, without reference made to specific GATT provisions and with no classification suggested. Finally, State trading (ST) has been indicated for 11 CCCN headings, with reference made to Article XVII and classification (f).
Summary of classifications

5. (a) 5 types of measures concerning 59 four-digit CCCN headings

(b) none

(c) none

(d) none

(e) One measure concerning 44 four-digit CCCN headings

(f) 7 types of measures concerning 68 four-digit CCCN headings

No classification has been indicated for 2 measures concerning 105 CCCN headings.

Note: Measures affecting both imports and exports may have been counted twice and several four-digit CCCN numbers are subject to several measures. This has resulted in that some four-digit CCCN numbers have been counted more than one time.