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INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE SUBMITTED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note summarizes the information provided by the Republic of Korea regarding measures affecting trade in agricultural products as contained in document AG/FOR/KOR/1.
2. The information relates to 164 CCCN headings at the four-digit level in Chapters 1 to 24; no other products or headings are covered.

Measures affecting exports

3. Regarding subsidies and other export assistance measures, the Government of Korea has informed that no such measures exist for the export of agricultural products. The Government administers a domestic price support and a stabilization programme, which, however, have no influence on international trade. Discretionary licensing (DL) under Article XI:2 (a) is applied to exports of 42 items and production control measures (PC) exist for two other items. All these measures are classified under (f). State trading exists for 6 export items under Article XVII and classified under the symbol (f).

Measures affecting imports

(i) Tariffs and GATT bindings

4. Of the 164 CCCN positions, 13 are partially or fully bound under the GATT. Reference is made to GATT Article II, with classification under (f). The symbol "OP" - for other preferential duties (Escap.) - is shown for 5 CCCN headings, with reference to the "Enabling Clause" and again classified under (f).

(ii) Other measures

5. Other measures affecting imports of agricultural products include discretionary licensing (DL), global quota (GQ), tariff quota (TQ), sanitary and phyto-sanitary regulations (SN, PSN), State trading (ST), and "other import control measures" (OFMC).

6. Discretionary licensing under Article XVIII:B is indicated for 79 CCCN positions and sub positions, with the classification (f). Of these 79 positions, 7 positions are also subject to global quota restrictions and 1 position to tariff quota. All these measures are classified under (f).

7. Sanitary and phyto-sanitary regulations under Article XX:b are shown for 42 positions and classified under (a).

8. State trading exists for 7 items under Article XVII, with the classification (f).

9. "Other import control measures" are applied to 14 CCCN positions at the four-digit level, under the symbol (f) but without any indication of the relevant GATT Article.

Summary

- 85 measures have been classified under (a)
- none under (b), (c) or (d)
- 122 measures have been shown under (f).