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INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE SUBMITTED BY NORWAY

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 Norway and circulated to members in document AG/FOR/NOR/1.
2. Document AG/FOR/NOR/1 contains also some introductory remarks, a note on Norwegian agricultural policy, outlining the objectives of this policy and the means applied to achieve these objectives and an explanatory note.
3. The Norwegian submission covers all the products contained in CCCN Chapters 1 to 24 and no additional products.

Measures affecting exports

4. Rather few measures affecting Norwegian agricultural exports have been reported. Deficiency payment (DP) is indicated for 1 four-digit CCCN number, classified as (f) with no reference to GATT provisions. Minimum prices (MP) are reported for 3 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference to Article XXh, and classified as (a). Other export assistance (OXA) is indicated for 14 four-digit CCCN numbers; in 4 cases reference is made to Article XVI, with the classification (a), while for the rest (10) the classification (e) is used with no reference to GATT provisions. Export provisions concerned fish and fish products have not been included.

Measures affecting imports

5. Tariffs and specific duties are wholly or partially bound for 134 four-digit CCCN numbers. No reference to GATT provisions has been made for unbound tariffs, but for wholly or partly bound four-digit CCCN numbers reference is made to Article II, with the classification (f). GSP-rates are applied to 70 four-digit CCCN numbers and the GATT reference is the "Enabling Clause" with a classification (f). Variable levies (MLV) applied to 9 four-digit CCCN numbers have been classified as (f), with no reference to GATT provisions.

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6. Licensing (L), discretionary licensing (DL) bilateral quotas (BQ), global quotas (GQ), seasonal restrictions (SR) and minimum prices (MP) applied to a total of 53 four-digit CCCN Numbers are classified as (f), with no reference to GATT provisions. Sanitary (SN), phytosanitary (PSN) regulations, and labelling regulations (LR) have been indicated for 139 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference to Article XX(b) and classified as (a). Nineteenth four-digit CCCN numbers are subject to state trading (ST), and reference is made to Article XVII and classification (f).

8. Under "Other" (column 14) the application of internal price equalization measures is indicated for 8 four-digit CCCN numbers, with no reference to GATT provisions and classified as (e). In the same column, the application of licensing (L) to 4 four-digit CCCN numbers is listed making reference to Article XXh, and classified as (a).

9. Summary of classification

- (a) 5 types of measures concerning 150 four-digit CCCN numbers
- (b) none
- (c) none
- (d) none
- (e) 2 types of measures concerning 18 four-digit CCCN numbers
- (f) 11 types of measures concerning 286 four-digit CCCN numbers

Note: Measures affecting both imports and exports may have been counted twice, and this may also have resulted in that some four-digit CCCN numbers have been counted more than one time.