Committee on Trade in Agriculture

INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE
SUBMITTED BY PORTUGAL

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note summarizes the information provided by Portugal regarding measures affecting trade in agricultural products as contained in document AG/FOR/POR/1.

2. The information supplied covers all products falling within CCCN Chapters 1 to 24, i.e. 163 positions at the four-digit level; no other products or headings are covered.

Measures affecting exports

3. Export subsidy (XS) under the GATT Article XVI has been shown for fixed vegetable oils (15.07) and classified under (a). There is also an export tax (XTX) on the same item under Article VIII, which is classified under (f). The drawback on duties (DRB) is given in the case of locust beans (12.08) and sugar (17.01), and is classified under (e), without an indication of the relevant GATT provisions. While there is an unspecified restriction on the exports of some types of nuts (08.05) minimum price rules (MP) are applied for exports of four items (15.04, 16.04, 16.05 and 20.02) and shown under the symbol (f).

Measures affecting imports

(i) Tariffs and GATT Bindings

4. Of the 163 CCCN positions, 16 are partially or wholly bound under the GATT. These bindings are shown with reference to Schedule XLIV and GATT Article II, classified under the symbol (f). Preferential duty rates (OP) are shown for 53 items imported from the EFTA countries, or about 17 items imported from the EEC countries or 13 items imported from Spain. These preferences are given under GATT Article XXIV and are classified with symbol (f).

(ii) Other Measures

5. Other measures affecting imports of agricultural products include surcharge (SURCH), fiscal duty (FISD), import tax (NTX), discretionary licensing (DL), import levy (MLV), global quota (GQ), income support (IS), sanitary and phyto-sanitary regulations (SN, PSN), State trading (ST), marketing standard regulation (MSR), and labelling and packaging regulations (LR, PR).
6. In Portugal, a surcharge is levied on some import products in addition to tariffs. Eighty of the 163 import items are subject to such surcharge, which is levied under the provisions of Article XII and classified under (f). A fiscal duty under Article III is further levied on 8 of these items and is again classified under (f). Two items (i.e. 15.07 and 15.13) are subject to internal import taxes under Article III, which are classified under (f). One item (08.01) is subject to an import levy shown under the symbol (e).

7. Discretionary licensing is applied to imports of 13 products and is shown under the symbol (c), which in the case of Portugal represents residual restrictions still being applied contrary to GATT. Global quota exists for 4 items (i.e. 03.01, 03.02, 08.01 and 17.01) again under the same symbol (c).

8. Income support under GATT Article XVI is shown for wheat and meslin (10.01) and is classified under the symbol (f).

9. Sanitary and phyto-sanitary regulations exist for at least 36 products under Article XX:b which are classified under (a). Labelling regulations are prescribed for two items under Article IX, and are classified under the symbol (f); for the same two items there exist the packaging and the marketing standard regulations under GATT Article XX:b and are classified under (a).

10. State trading under Article XVII is shown for 21 items and is classified under (f).

Summary

- 43 measures have been classified under (a)
- none under (b) and (d)
- 16 measures have been shown under (c)
- 2 measures have been identified as (e)
- 199 measures have been classified under (f)