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### INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE SUBMITTED BY SWEDEN

#### 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 Sweden and circulated to members in document AG/FOR/SWE/1.
2. Document AG/FOR/SWE/1 contains also a note on Swedish agricultural policy, outlining the objectives of this policy and the means applied to achieve these objectives, with an annex providing some statistical information of a general nature.
3. The Swedish submission covers all the products contained in CCCN Chapters 1 to 24 and no additional products.

#### Measures affecting exports

4. Measures affecting Swedish agricultural exports include export subsidies (XS) concerning 10 four-digit CCCN headings with reference made to Article XVI and a classification (a). For 3 four-digit CCCN headings, a minimum export price (MP) has been listed with reference to Article XX(h) and also for this measure a classification (a) has been indicated. Four 23 four-digit CCCN numbers, the application of other forms of export controls (OFXL), export restrictions (XR) and prohibition (P) has been indicated, with reference to Article XXb and classified as (a). Reference to Article XXh is made for the application of licensing (L) to 3 four-digit CCCN Numbers, also classified as (a). Automatic licensing is indicated for 1 four-digit CCCN number, with reference to Article VIII and the classification (f), and for 1 number the application of licensing (L) is indicated with out classification nor reference to GATT provisions. Three numbers are subject to state trading (ST), and in these cases reference has been made to Article XVII and classification (f). For 17 four-digit CCCN numbers the application of other export assistance (OXA) has been indicated, classified as (f), but with no reference to GATT provisions.

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Measures affecting imports

5. Tariffs and specific duties are wholly or partially bound for 132 four-digit CCCN numbers. No reference to GATT provisions has been made for unbound tariffs, but for bound four-digit CCCN numbers reference is made to Article II, and classified as (f). GSP-rates are applied to 43 four-digit CCCN numbers and the GATT reference is the "Enabling Clause" with a classification (f). There are other preferences (OP) applied to 82 four-digit CCCN numbers and for these reference is made to Article XXIV with an indication of classification (f). Variable levies (MLV) applied to 68 four-digit CCCN numbers have been classified as (e), with no reference to GATT provisions.

6. Price regulation fees and equalization fees (EQ) are indicated for 15 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference to Article III and classified as (f). A quality control tax (TX) is applied to 25 numbers, with reference to Article VIII and classified as (f). Licensing (L), automatic licensing (AL) and seasonal restrictions (SR) applied to 4, 7 and 1 four-digit CCCN numbers respectively are classified as (f), with no reference to GATT provisions. Licensing (L), quotas (Q) and import restrictions (MR) for 20 four-digit CCCN numbers are classified as (a) with reference made to Article XXh.

7. Sanitary (SN) and phytosanitary (PSN) regulations have been indicated for 78 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference to Article XX(b) and classified as (a). Seven 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 taxes (NTX) is indicated for 15 four-digit CCCN numbers, with reference to Article III and classified as (f). In the same column, the application of other forms of import controls (OFMC) and prohibition (P) to 12 four-digit CCCN numbers is listed making reference to Article XX, and classified as (a).

9. Summary of classifications

- (a) 13 types of measures concerning 149 four-digit CCCN numbers
- (b) none
- (c) none
- (d) none
- (e) 1 type of measure concerning 68 four-digit CCCN numbers
- (f) 14 types of measures concerning 352 four-digit CCCN numbers

For 1 type of measure concerning 1 four-digit CCCN number, no classification has been provided.

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