

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Special Distribution

Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat

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For discussion under agenda item (v) of the draft agenda, the following questions have been submitted by Canada:

### Australia

#### Question

Exports of beef and veal from Australia during the period January to April 1986 increased by 19 per cent. Is this increased level of shipments likely to persist during the remainder of the year?

### New Zealand

#### Question

Exports of beef and veal from New Zealand were severely curtailed during the early months of 1986 due to a strike in the meat packing industry. Will the resulting backlog of exports be shipped immediately or distributed evenly during the remainder of 1986?

### United States

#### Question 1

The United States Dairy Herd Termination Program will result in a temporary increase in beef output. What impact will this extra production have on the calculation of the trigger level of beef imports under the United States Meat Import Law?

#### Question 2

The United States Commodity Credit Corporation will purchase beef as part of the Dairy Herd Termination Programs. How will this beef be marketed? Will it represent additional consumption or could it displace existing sales?