GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

INTERNATIONAL MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP - THIRTEENTH MEETING

Note by the Chairman

Introduction

1. The International Meat Consultative Group held its thirteenth meeting on 14 November 1979. The following countries or groups of countries were represented:

- Australia
- Austria
- Brazil
- Canada
- European Communities (and their member States)
- Hungary
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Panama
- Poland
- Romania
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Tunisia
- United States
- Uruguay
- Yugoslavia

In addition, representatives of the ECE, FAO, the ITC, the OECD and UNCTAD attended the meeting as observers.

Agenda

2. The Group adopted as the basis for its discussions the topics outlined in the airgram convening the meeting (GATT/AIR/1581) with the addition of an item for other business.

Consultations

3. In accordance with the procedures adopted at previous meetings, the Group consulted on current market conditions and foreseeable trends in international trade in bovine meat and live cattle. In this regard, the Group had before it an updated secretariat summary relating to the main aggregates of production and trade (IMCG/W/15/Rev.9); supplementary monthly information on prices practised in international trade received from Australia, New Zealand and the European Communities (IMCG/W/23/Rev.6, IMCG/W/23/Rev.6/Suppl.1 and corrigendum 1) and the replies of participants to the model questionnaire. The Group also had before
it in document IMCG/W/75 a background discussion paper prepared by the secretariat in accordance with the Group's decision at its seventh meeting (IMCG/7, paragraph 3).

4. To facilitate reflection by participants on the matters raised and the views expressed in the consultations, it was agreed that statements made by participants would, if they so wished, be reproduced and circulated by the secretariat. Accordingly, the following statements are being circulated:

- Australia IMCG/W/76
- New Zealand IMCG/W/77
- Canada IMCG/W/79
- European Communities IMCG/W/73
- Poland IMCG/W/79
- Japan IMCG/W/81

Collection of data

(a) The questionnaire

5. Updated replies to the questionnaire were received from the following participants either prior to or at the meeting:

- Australia IMCG/STAT/6/Add.10
- Canada IMCG/STAT/11/Rev.7
- Hungary IMCG/STAT/14/Add.5
- Japan IMCG/STAT/1/Add.9
- New Zealand IMCG/STAT/7/Add.8
- Poland IMCG/STAT/5/Rev.3
- South Africa IMCG/STAT/4/Add.6
- Switzerland IMCG/STAT/12/Add.8
- Yugoslavia IMCG/STAT/19/Rev.1

The most recent replies by nineteen participants are listed in the Annex.

(b) Prices practised in international trade

6. The Group took note of the monthly data on export prices supplied by Australia, New Zealand, and the European Communities (IMCG/W/23/Rev.6, IMCG/W/23/Rev.6/Suppl.1 and corrigendum 1).

Other business

7. It was recalled that this was the last meeting of the Group as it is provided that the entry into force on 1 January 1980 of the Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat will entail the abolition of the International Meat Consultative Group. It was felt that the Group, which started meeting in the early spring of 1975, had been useful and had prepared the way for the work to be done in the new meat council.
ANNEX

Latest Questionnaire Reply by Each Participant

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