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REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRE

SWITZERLAND

(brought up to date for the third quarter of 1976
on the basis of available information)

Explanatory notes

The Swiss delegation has the following remarks to add to its reply:

Passim:

The term "carcass weight" suits us better as a common basis (L/4168/Rev.1, page 1, paragraph 3).

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The quarterly data in our possession are unreliable and unsystematic, and we therefore prefer not to quote them.

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We do not keep separate statistics for beef and veal, and we have no conversion factor for calculating carcass weight equivalent.

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The only values available are free frontier, without customs charges.

Tables in the C.3 and C.4 series:

Switzerland has virtually no exports (L/4168/Rev.1, pages 16-22).

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We propose giving the prices for "heifers and steers I A". If you consider it helpful, we could also furnish figures for the meat of cows and bulls.

With regard to import prices, our statistics cover only the value free frontier, without customs charges. Moreover, this is a mean value and it does not lend itself to comparisons between prices as shown in this table.

PART A

Table A.1 Bovine Cattle Numbers and Herd Structure

('000 head)

As at January (or closest census date thereto) ^{1/}	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	Forecast	
						1976	Subsequent year(s) ^{2/}
Total cattle	1,828.7	1,840.6	1,910.8	1,972.5	1,964.8	1,965.0	
Total cows	869.0	873.4	889.1	901.4	891.4	891.0	
of which dairy cows ^{3/}	829.0	833.4	839.1	840.4	841.4	841.0	
Calves ^{3/}	352.5	378.7	414.8	412.1	413.9	410.0	
Other cattle	601.2	588.5	606.9	660.0	659.5	664.0	

^{1/} Such date to be specified: Census date April of each year.

^{2/} If available

^{3/} Calves up to six months (veal calves and calves for stock) "cows whose milk is marketed, wholly or partially".

PART B

Slaughter Rates and Production, Stocks and Consumption of Bovine Meat

Table B.1 Inspected and Total Slaughterings and
Average Carcass Weights (Av.C.W.)

('000 head)

	Cows ^{1/}			Other cattle			Calves ^{1/}			Total cattle and calves		
	Inspected ^{2/}	Total	Av.C.W. (kg.)	Inspected ^{2/}	Total	Av.C.W. (kg.)	Inspected ^{2/}	Total	Av.C.W. (kg.)	Inspected ^{2/}	Total	Av.C.W. (kg.)
1971	182.1	186.1	273.2	185.5	186.5	248.8	440.1	448.1	89.7	807.7	820.7	166.8
1972	161.0	164.0	278.8	175.2	176.2	256.6	393.4	400.4	92.7	729.6	740.6	172.2
1973	171.9	174.9	274.3	182.3	183.3	250.5	381.9	388.9	94.6	736.1	747.1	174.3
<u>1974</u>												
I												
II												
III												
IV												
Total	206.7	209.7	273.3	202.2	203.2	251.5	393.9	400.9	93.7	807.8	813.8	172.8
<u>1975</u>												
I												
II												
III												
IV												
Total	199.1	203.1	271.4	205.5	207.5	248.4	385.0	393.0	88.8	789.6	803.6	176.1

^{1/}Cows: female bovines which have calved. Calves up to six months (veal calves).

^{2/}Slaughterings of indigenous and imported animals.

PART B

Slaughter Rates, Production, Stocks and Consumption of Bovine Meat

Table B.2 Total Production of Bovine Meat

('000 metric tons, carcass weight)

	A. Production from slaughter of indigenous animals			B. Production from slaughter of imported animals			Total meat production from slaughtered animals (A + B)		
	Beef	Veal	Total	Beef	Veal	Total	Beef	Veal	Total
1971	94.7	39.6	134.3	2.4	0.2	2.6	97.1	39.8	136.9
1972	87.0	36.5	123.5	3.8	0.2	4.0	90.8	36.7	127.5
1973	89.9	36.1	126.0	3.9	0.3	4.2	93.8	36.4	130.2
1974									
I									
II									
III									
IV									
TOTAL	107.9	36.9	144.8	0.4	0.3	0.7	108.3	37.2	145.5
1975									
I									
II									
III									
IV									
TOTAL	106.2	34.6	140.8	0.4	0.3	0.7	106.6	34.9	141.5
FORECAST									
1975									
1976									

PART BSlaughter Rates and Production, Stocks and Consumption of Bovine MeatTable B.3 Private and Public Stocks of Bovine Meat^{1/}

(1000 metric tons, carcass weight)

A. Private stocks of bovine meat (at wholesale level)					
B. Stocks held by or for regulatory or marketing authorities					
	Beef		Veal		Total
	A.	B.	A.	B.	
1971	6.9	--	--	--	6.9
1972	4.5	--	--	--	4.5
1973	3.8	--	--	--	3.8
<u>1974</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
TOTAL	7.5	--	--	--	7.5
<u>1975</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
TOTAL	8.6	--	1.0	--	9.6
1976	4.6	--	0.5	--	5.1

^{1/} Stocks at beginning of year

"These are provisional stocks to cover long-term needs for frozen manufacturing grades. The stocks are held by private undertakings and organizations but are under the supervision of a semi-public body, the 'Swiss Co-operative for the Supply of Slaughtering Cattle and Meat (CBV)'."

PART B

Slaughter Rates and Production, Stocks and Consumption of Bovine Meat

Table B.4 Consumption of Bovine Meat

	Total consumption of bovine meat thousand metric tons, carcass weight	Per. caput consumption (kg.)
1971	174.0	27,066
1972	169.7	26,228
1973	166.5	25,498
1974		
I		
II		
III		
IV		
TOTAL	160.8	24,514
1975		
I		
II		
III		
IV		
TOTAL	160.9	25,134

PART CTrade: ImportsTable C.1.1 Imports of Cattle^{1/} by Volume

	Number ('000 head)	Live weight ('000 metric tons)	Carcass weight equivalent ('000 metric tons)
<u>1971</u>			
I			
II			
III			
IV			
Total	12.0		2.6
<u>1972</u>			
I			
II			
III			
IV			
Total	16.9		4.0
<u>1973</u>			
I			
II			
III			
IV			
Total	18.1		4.2
<u>1974</u>			
I			
II			
III			
IV			
Total	4.7		0.7
<u>1975</u>			
I	1.27		
II			
III			
IV			
Total	4.6		0.7
<u>1976</u>			
I	1.31		
II	1.22		
III	0.96		

^{1/} Excluding cattle imported for breeding purposes.

PART C

Trade: Imports

Table C.1.2 Imports of Beef and Veal by Volume

('000 metric tons)							
	Fresh and chilled			Other (canned, cooked etc.)		Total beef and veal	
	A	B		A	B	A	B
<u>1971</u>							
I							
II							
III							
IV							
Total	31.9			3.2		35.1	
<u>1972</u>							
I							
II							
III							
IV							
Total	38.3			3.7		42.0	
<u>1973</u>							
I							
II							
III							
IV							
Total	36.4			4.0		40.6	
<u>1974</u>							
I							
II							
III							
IV							
Total	15.9			3.1		19.0	
<u>1975</u>							
I	1.95						
II							
III							
IV							
Total	10.9			3.0		13.9	
<u>1976</u>							
I	2.94			—		—	
II	2.65						
III	2.47						

A = Product weight

B = Carcass weight equivalent

PART C

Trade: Imports

Table C.1.3 Imports of Cattle, Beef and Veal by Value

(Sw F1.00)

	A	B	C	D	E
	Cattle ^{1/}	Beef and Veal ^{2/}	Total (A+B)	Total value ^{3/} mer- chandise imports	Ratio C/D
1971	15,366.5	204,836.1	220,202.6		
1972	24,230.3	267,249.8	291,480.1		
1973	29,599.2	295,393.4	324,952.6		
1974	5,990.5	142,299.5	148,290.0		
<u>1975</u>					
I	1,747.7	16,957.2	18,704.9		
II	-	-	-		
III	-	-	-		
IV	-	-	-		
Total	5,736.6	91,855.3	97,591.9		
<u>1976</u>					
I	1,761.5	23,674.7	25,436.2		
II	1,448.8	21,492.1	22,940.9		
III	1,287.4	20,805.3	22,092.7		
IV					
Total					

^{1/} Excluding cattle imported for breeding purposes.

^{2/} Fresh, chilled or frozen

^{3/} Value: free Swiss frontier, without customs charges, etc., in thousands of Swiss francs.

PART C

Trade: Imports

Table C.2.1 Imports of Cattle^{1/} by Country of Origin,
Quantity ("Q" = '000 Head) and Value ("V" = '000 Swiss francs, Free Frontier)

	1971		1972		1973		1974								Total 1974		1975								Total 1975	
							I		II		III		IV				I		II		III		IV			
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
TOTAL IMPORTS	12.0	15,366	16.9	24,225	18.1	29,786									4.7	6,025									4.6	5,737
of which from:																										
(1) France	4.3	4,052	3.6	10,982	4.6	5,319									4.5	5,725									4.5	5,626
(2) Denmark	5.1	7,337	5.5	695	1.9	3,603									0.0	96									0.02	20
(3) GDR	0.2	133	0.3	232	0.4	236									0.2	164									0.05	47
(4) Poland	-	-	0.8	1,400	5.0	8,112									0.0	19.7										
(5) Netherlands	-	-	-	-	0.0	94																				
(6) Hungary	2.4	3,752	1.6	2,452	-	-																				
(7) Ireland	0.0	84	5.1	8,423	5.8	11,359																				
(8) United Kingdom	-	-	-	0.0	0.1	209																				
(9) FRG	-	-	-	-	0.3	791																			0.03	20
(10) OTHERS	0.0	8	-	41	-	63									0.0	19.7									0.03	24

^{1/} Excluding cattle imported for breeding purposes.

PART C

Trade: Imports

Table C.2.2 Imports of Fresh and Chilled Beef and Veal^{1/} by Country of Origin
Quantity ("Q" = Product Weight, '000 Metric Tons) and Value ("V" = '000 Swiss francs Free Frontier)

	1971		1972		1973		1974								Total 1974		1975								Total 1975	
							I		II		III		IV				I		II		III		IV			
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
TOTAL IMPORTS	16.0	118,116	18.4	155,728	15.1	158,764									6.3	77,036									5.71	60,605
of which from:																										
(1) Netherlands	1.9	16,186	2.5	23,637	2.4	24,112									0.8	4,761									0.64	6,239
(2) Poland	1.0	5,924	0.9	6,567	1.1	9,149									0.1	8									0.03	132
(3) Yugoslavia	3.2	24,188	2.5	21,243	1.8	17,731									0.6	5,351									0.67	5,132
(4) S. Africa	0.2	1,863	0.6	7,016	0.8	9,902									0.2	2,242									0.15	1,615
(5) Canada	0.4	2,327	0.2	1,394	0.3	2,976									0.1	1,128									0.04	450
(6) Argentina	0.8	8,111	1.6	17,853	2.2	28,119									1.5	18,061									1.52	17,545
(7) United States	0.1	1,951	0.3	61,391	0.3	6,717									0.0	5,264									0.3	5,339
(8) United Kingdom	0.3	2,790	2.5	15,021	1.1	7,962									-	-									0.04	576
(9) -																										
(10) OTHERS	8.1	54,826	7.3	56,606	5.1	51,496									3.5	40,221									2.59	23,517

^{1/}
Including frozen veal

PART C

Trade: Imports

Table C.2.3 Imports of Frozen Beef and Veal by Country of Origin
Quantity ("Q" = Product Weight, 000 Metric Tons) and Value ("V" = '000 Swiss Francs, Free Frontier)

	1971		1972		1973		1974								Total 1974		1975								Total 1975	
							I		II		III		IV				I		II		III		IV			
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V				
TOTAL IMPORTS	15.8	86,670	19.9	111,522	21.3	137,229								9.2	65,264									5.18	31,250	
of which from:																										
(1) USA	0.2	1,042	0.3	1,637	0.2	1,683								0.3	2,043									0.16	845	
(2) Denmark	0.6	3,004	0.6	3,259	0.9	7,114								0.0	408									0.01	51	
(3) Botswana	0.6	2,598	0.7	3,546	0.5	3,120								0.2	1,007									0.02	107	
(4) S. Africa	0.5	1,941	0.4	1,590	0.0	556								0.1	1,098									-	-	
(5) Brazil	3.2	19,514	5.1	28,823	4.9	31,832								1.1	6,972									0.87	5,372	
(6) Paraguay	0.3	2,016	0.8	5,122	1.7	11,355								0.5	3,989									0.44	2,842	
(7) Uruguay	0.6	2,539	1.0	4,867	0.3	1,641								1.1	8,151									1.51	8,371	
(8) Argentina	8.1	44,716	9.3	53,068	9.7	62,084								4.6	34,036									1.1	10,437	
(9) -																										
(10) OTHERS	1.7	9,260	1.7	9,610	3.1	17,836								1.3	7,580									1.07	5,225	

PART C

Trade: Imports

Table C.2.4 Imports of Other Beef and Veal (Canned, Cooked, Etc.)^{1/} by Country of Origin,
 Quantity ("Q" = Product Weight; '000 Metric Tons) and Value ("V" = '000 Swiss francs, Free Frontier

	1971		1972		1973		1974								Total 1974		1975								Total 1975	
							I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV												
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V				
TOTAL IMPORTS	3.2	20,460	3.9	24,229	4.2	28,288								3.6	25,492									3.07	21,463	
of which from:																										
(1) (Country)																										
(2) France	0.5	921	0.6	1,090	0.7	1,130								0.5	1,020									0.49	2,809	
(3)																										
(4) Italy	1.2	14,007	1.6	16,670	1.8	18,474								1.5	16,570									1.17	10,950	
(5)																										
(6) Brazil	0.7	2,660	1.0	3,150	1.0	3,530								0.9	3,262									0.37	1,600	
(7) Argentina	0.2	757	0.2	896	0.3	1,610								0.2	1,275									0.07	238	
(8)																										
(9)																										
(10) OTHERS	0.6	2,046	0.5	2,423	0.4	3,538								0.5	3,365									0.97	5,866	

^{1/} Total of headings 0206.10 (Meat, salted, dried or smoked), 0504.18 (stomachs and intestines), 1602.26 (corned beef) and 1602.30 (other prepared or preserved meat). Hence these figures include an unspecified proportion of pigmeat.

PART D

Prices

- (1) Price to the Producer per kg. Live Weight for Large Bovines,
in Swiss Francs

Year	Quality grade	Average target prices subject to variation ct/kg.	Price actually received by the producer ct/kg.
1971	Heifers and steers I A	410.0 [±] 15	417
1972	Heifers and steers I A	430.0 [±] 15	448
1973	Heifers and steers I A	460.0 [±] 15	477
1974	Heifers and steers I A	510.0 [±] 15	498
1975		520.0 [±] 15	503