Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat

INTERNATIONAL MEAT COUNCIL

Inventory of Domestic Policies and Trade Measures and Information on Bilateral, Plurilateral or Multilateral Commitments

Reply to Parts G and H of the Questionnaire

ARGENTINA

The participants have agreed to provide information concerning their domestic policies and trade measures including bilateral and plurilateral commitments on the basis of Parts G and H of the Questionnaire (Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure). The documents containing replies to these parts of the Questionnaire are circulated under the symbol IMC/INV; they will be partly revised as and when changes are notified.

This set of documents will constitute the inventory of all measures affecting trade in bovine meat, including commitments resulting from bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral negotiations, which the Council has instructed the secretariat to draw up and keep up to date, under the provisions of Article III of the Agreement. (Note to Article III of the Arrangement and Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure.)
PART G

Part G.1 - Information on domestic policies and trade measures

The new development has been the introduction of a 10 per cent charge on the f.o.b. value of chilled or frozen meat and offals with effect from 24 December 1982, coinciding with the introduction of a single exchange market in Argentina in place of the former dual exchange market (commercial and financial).

Part G.2 - Notification of policy changes

Nothing to report.
PART H

Information on bilateral or plurilateral agreements in the field of bovine animals, meat and offals

In the early months of 1982, the following bilateral agreements were concluded on exports of Argentine meat:

(1) January 1982: Contracts between the National Meat Board and the Meat Purchasing Authority of the Algerian Government, providing for the supply of 4,000 tons of beef (frozen, bone-out) and 3,000 tons of ovine meat (frozen, bone-in) in the period February to May 1982.

(2) March 1982: New agreement for the supply of bovine meat to Israel in the three-year period June 1982 to May 1985. Under this agreement Israel has undertaken to purchase in Argentina up to 18,000 tons each year of frozen forequarter beef cuts, prepared in accordance with the "Kosher" dietary laws. Nine thousand tons of these cuts are to be sold in the early months of the period covered by this new agreement.

(3) April 1982: Under the long-term contract concluded with Egypt on 15 March 1981, a new sale has been arranged in respect of 40,000 tons of beef (frozen, bone-out) corresponding to the second year of the period covered by the agreement (shipment period beginning May 1982). It should be noted that in the first year of operation of the long-term agreement with Egypt (shipments from May 1981 to April 1982), a total volume of 52,000 tons of beef was supplied in two transactions: the first covered 32,000 tons in March 1981 and the second in respect of 20,000 tons in September 1981.