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

AUSTRIA

Revision

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 Procedure). The documents containing replies to these parts of the Questionnaire are circulated under the symbol IMC/INV; they will be revised as and when changes are notified.

This set of documents constitutes 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 Arrangement (Note to Article III of the Arrangement and Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure).

Note: This document has been revised in accordance with the three-year rule contained in Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure, and replaces all previous IMC/INV/16/... documents.
Austria's general agricultural policy, of which meat policy is a component, can be described by those general policy elements that apply also \textit{inter alia} to the meat sector:

(a) to maintain an economically stable and productive farming community in a functioning rural environment;

(b) to ensure the participation of agriculture in the progress of the Austrian economy;

(c) to raise productivity and competitiveness of agriculture, in particular through structural adjustments;

(d) to advance the agricultural sector taking into account the overall economic development and the interests of the consumers, so that it will in particular

- compensate disadvantages resulting from nature \textit{vis-à-vis} the other economic branches;

- adapt to the changes within the economic circumstances;

- improve the economic situation of farmers and farm employees;

- to maintain a functioning food supply for the population;

- to contribute to a balanced environment.

Aspects related to the meat sector are embodied in the "\textit{Viehwirtschaftsgesetz 1976}, Federal Law Gazette No. 258/76, in its present form of Federal Law Gazette Nos. 270/1978 and 310/1982. It provides \textit{inter alia} the stabilization of prices for slaughter animals and animal products and measures to secure the domestic supply. One of the instruments to achieve these objects is the monitoring of the foreign trade which is due to licensing.

For the Austrian Customs Tariff see Annex I.

Imports and exports of products to tariff numbers ex 01.02 A 1 (live bovine animals for slaughter), ex 02.01, ex 02.06 and 16.02 are subject to equalization amounts instead of custom duties. The levy charged on imports is designed to balance the difference between franco border prices and of comparable home market prices.

There is no State trading.
## ANNEX I

### CUSTOMS TARIFF

**Rate of Duty in Per Cent Ad Valorem or in Austrian Schillings per 100 kgs.**

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<tr>
<th>Tariff item No.</th>
<th>Description of goods</th>
<th>General duty rate</th>
<th>GATT binding</th>
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<td>01.02 A</td>
<td>Live animals of the bovine species (including buffalos) Weighing more than 100 kgs. each</td>
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<td>1. Animals for slaughter</td>
<td>$210.-</td>
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<td>2. Other*</td>
<td>$2,100.- per head</td>
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<td>01.02 B</td>
<td>Weighing 100 kg. each or less</td>
<td>$126.- per head</td>
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<td>ex 02.01 A</td>
<td>Meat and edible offals of the animals falling within heading Nos. 01.01, 01.02, 01.03 or 01.04, fresh, chilled or frozen</td>
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<td>In whole, half or quarter carcasses, not further prepared</td>
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<td>2. Of animals of the bovine species</td>
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<td>1. Meat</td>
<td>$385.-</td>
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<td>2. Edible offals</td>
<td>not less than $265.- per 100 kg; 24 per cent</td>
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<td>ex 02.06 A</td>
<td>Meat and edible meat offals of bovine animals, salted, in brine, dried or smoked</td>
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<td>but not less than</td>
<td>$400.- per 100 kg.</td>
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<td>ex 16.02 A</td>
<td>Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal of bovine animals</td>
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<td>but not less than</td>
<td>$470.- per 100 kg.</td>
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Note: Animals for breeding purposes falling within this Chapter may be entered free of duty on production of a certificate from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry attesting that the importation is necessary to the expansion of domestic cattle-breeding.

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1 On production of a certificate from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry attesting that they are not used for slaughter purposes.
PART H

Information on Bilateral or Plurilateral Agreements in the Field of Bovine Animals, Meat and Offals

Arrangement United States - Austria

Within the framework of this arrangement Austria grants a quota for fresh or chilled high quality beef in cuts according to fixed definitions.

The quota shall increase to 600 metric tons within eight years. The text of this arrangement is published in Federal Law Gazette No. 17/1980.