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TARIFFS AND TRADE

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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 are 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).

PART G

Part G.1 Information on Domestic Policies
and Trade Measures

Austria's general agricultural policy, of which meat policy is a component, can be described by those general policy elements that apply also 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 vis-a-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 "Viehwirtschaftsgesetz 1983", Federal Law Gazette No. 621/1983 as amended by the Viehwirtschaftsgesetznovelle 1988, Federal Law Gazette No. 332/1988. It provides 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 corresponding to tariff numbers mentioned in Annex I 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 ICUSTOMS TARIFF

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

Tariff item number	Description of goods	General duty rate
0102.90	Live Bovine animals A - Other	S 126 to S 210
0201.10	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled - Carcasses and half-carcasses	S 385
02.01.20	- Other cuts with bone-in	
A	quarter carcasses	S 385
B	other	32% min. S 265
0201.30	- Boneless	
A	quarter carcasses	S 385
B	other	32% min. S 265
0202.10	Meat of bovine animals, frozen - Carcasses and half-carcasses	S 385
0202.20	- Other cuts with bone-in	
A	quarter carcasses	S 385
B	other	32% min. S 265
0202.30	- Boneless	
A	quarter carcasses	S 385
B	other	32% min. S 265
0206.10	Edible offal of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	24%
0206.21	Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen - Tongues	24%
0206.22	- Livers	24%
0206.29	- Other	24%
0210.20	Meat and edible meat offal, salted, in brine, dried or smoked, edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal, of bovine animals	34% min. S 400
1602.50	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood of bovine animals	35% min. S 470

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.