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

Replies to Parts G and H of the Questionnaire

YUGOSLAVIA

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 Rules of 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 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

I. Production

According to statistical data at the beginning of 1988 there was a total of 4,822 head of cattle. In 1987, 345,000 tons of beef were produced, out of which 209,000 tons in the slaughtering industry. Approximately 85 per cent of cattle is purchased by the slaughterhouses on the basis of agreed co-operation with socially and privately owned holdings and 15 per cent is purchased on the free market.

Yugoslavia exports and imports beef on a regular basis. From 1983 to 1986, the export of meat amounted to 60-80 thousand tons, and imports to 20-30 thousand tons.

Beef production accounts for about 43 per cent of the total cattle-breeding production and about 18 per cent of the total gross agricultural production. The development of cattle breeding depends on the marketing possibilities of fattened bullocks, heifers and meat, as well as on the relationship of fodder prices to the prices of fattened bullocks, heifers and meat.

- (b) The prices of fodder seeds and fertilizers are directly subsidized and the production of fodder thus stimulated, it being one of the limiting factors in the development of cattle-breeding.

Part of the credits for the fattening of bullocks, heifers in socially organized production are approved with a differentiated interest rate which is subsidized with a view to lowering production costs.

The control of the state of health of the animals is based on the provisions of the Law on the protection of animals against contagious diseases which threaten the whole country. This Law stipulates the measures for preventing, controlling and uprooting contagious diseases, as well as measures for preventing the entry and spreading of contagious diseases from foreign countries.

The regulations on the prevention and control of the spreading of specific contagious diseases brought on the basis of the Law represent a foundation for the elaboration of the annual programme of the control of specific contagious diseases at the levels of the socialist republics and provinces.

Cattle-breeding in general is developing in accordance with the development programmes of the republics and provinces, which are stimulating cattle-breeding with premiums for milk, however varied in amounts.

- (c) The purchase prices of bullocks and heifers are formed freely and in average amounted to Din 298.8 per 1 kilogram live weight in 1985, Din 557.3 in 1986 and Din 1,063 in 1987.

II. Internal prices and consumption

- (a) The consumption of beef depends, in the first place, on the prices, namely the purchasing power of consumers. Wholesale meat prices are supervised and their uncontrolled growth is thus limited.

III. Measures at the frontier

(a) Customs tariff:

01.02	Live bovine animals		
0102.10	- Pure-bred breeding animals		
0102.101	--- Bulls	5%	(+)*
0102.102	--- Cows	5%	(+)
0102.103	--- Bullocks and heifers	5%	(+)
0102.104	--- Calves	5%	(+)
0102.109	--- Other	5%	(+)
0102.90	- Other	10%	
0102.901	--- Bulls	10%	
0102.902	--- Oxen	10%	
0102.903	--- Cows	10%	
0102.904	--- Bullocks and heifers for fattening (of a weight of more than 200 kg. but not more than 280 kg.)	12%	
0102.905	--- Bullocks and heifers fattened, of a weight of more than 280 kg. but not more than 450 kg.	12%	
0102.906	--- Bullocks and heifers, others	12%	
0102.907	--- Calves	12%	
0102.909	--- Other	12%	

* Reference should be made to Article 2 of the Customs Tariff Act which reads: "For the goods marked with a cross (+) in the Customs Tariff (Chapter, headings or tariff item) customs quotas may be specified pursuant to stipulations of Article 49 of the Customs Act ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 10/76)".

02.01	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	
0201.10	- Carcasses and half-carcasses	
0201.101	--- Veal	12%
0201.102	--- Beef	12%
0201.103	--- Buffalo meat	12%
0201.109	--- Others	12%
0201.20	- Other cuts with bone-in	
0201.201	--- Veal	12%
0201.202	--- Beef	12%
0201.203	--- Buffalo meat	12%
0201.209	--- Other	12%
0201.30	- Boneless	
0201.301	--- Veal	12%
0201.302	--- Beef	12%
0201.203	--- Buffalo meat	12%
0201.309	--- Other	12%
02.02	Meat of bovine animals, frozen	
0202.10	- Carcasses and half-carcasses	
0202.101	--- Veal	12%
0202.102	--- Beef	12%
0202.103	--- Buffalo meat	12%
0202.109	--- Other	12%
0202.20	- Other cuts with bone-in	
0202.201	--- Veal	12%
0202.202	--- Beef	12%
0202.203	--- Buffalo meat	12%
0202.209	--- Other	12%
0202.30	- Boneless	
0202.301	--- Veal	12%
0202.301	--- Beef	12%
0202.303	--- Buffalo meat	12%
0202.309	--- Other	12%
02.06	Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh, chilled or frozen	

0206.10	- Of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	6%
0206.20	- Of bovine animals, frozen	
0206.21	-- Tongues	6%
0206.22	-- Livers	6%
0206.29	-- Other	6%
02.10	Meat and edible meat offal, salted, in brine, dried or smoked, edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal	
0210.20	- Meat of bovine animals	15%
0210.90	- Other, including edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal	12%
16.02	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood	
1602.10	- Homogenized preparations	10%
1602.20	- Of liver of any animal	15%
1602.50	- Of bovine animals	15%
1602.90	- Other, including preparations of blood of any animal	15%

(b) Import measures

Pursuant to the Law on the Exchange of Goods and Services with Foreign Countries ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 66/85) with amendments ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", Nos. 38/86, 67/86, 43/87 and 87/87), the Federal Executive Council adopts a Decision on the Régime of Import and Export of Commodities and a list of commodities falling under import and export régime ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 82/87) with amendments ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 14/88). For the imports of certain products falling under this arrangement, quantity quotas are established. At the proposal of the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Trade the Federal Executive Council determines total import and export quotas and regional structure. The quantity quotas are established for a period of one calendar year and their levels are published in the "Gazette of the Chamber of Economy of Yugoslavia". Organizations of associated labour within the Chamber of Economy of Yugoslavia and by means of self-management agreements, decide on the distribution of the total level of quotas as well as on the regional structure and pace of imports. The quota régime comprises the import of those products which are important for the implementation of Yugoslavia's agricultural production development policy.

The quota régime refers to the import of the following products:

HS code

- 0102.904 --- Bullocks and heifers for fattening (of a weight of more than 200 kg. but not more than 280 kg.).
- 0102.905 --- Bullocks and heifers fattened, of a weight of more than 280 kg. but not more than 450 kg.
- 0102.906 --- Bullocks and heifers, other
- 0102.907 --- Calves

- 0201.10 - Meat of bovine animals, fresh, carcasses and half-carcasses
- 0201.20 - Meat of bovine animals, fresh, other cuts with bone-in
- 0210.30 - Meat of bovine animals, fresh, boneless
- 0202.10 - Meat of bovine animals, frozen, carcasses and half-carcasses
- 0202.20 - Meat of bovine animals, frozen, other cuts with bone-in
- 0202.30 - Meat of bovine animals, frozen, boneless
- 0206.10 - Edible offal of bovine animals, fresh or chilled
- 0210.20 - Meat and edible meat offal of bovine animals, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
- 1602.10 - Other prepared or preserved meat, homogenized preparations
- 1602.20 - Other prepared or preserved meat, of liver of any animal
- 1602.50 - Other prepared or preserved meat, of bovine animals

When importing, a 10 per cent tax is paid for balancing the tax burden ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 87/87) as well as a 1 per cent customs registration tax on the value of the imported product ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 85/87). All dutiable goods are subject to these taxes as well as to a special 4.8 per cent tax (the Decision on this tax was published in the "Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 87/87).

The Decision on the criteria and methods for setting special charges payable on imports of certain agricultural and foodstuff products ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 35/86) introduced a change in the mechanism for fixing the amount of special charges payable on imports of certain agricultural and foodstuff products. The special charge is applied on the following tariff numbers:

0102.904	0201.102
0102.905	0201.202
0102.906	

(c) Export measures

Products of importance for supplying the Yugoslav market and implementation of the agricultural production development policy fall under the quantity quota régime.

The following products fall under the quantity quota régime:

HS code

- 0102.904 --- Bullocks and heifers for fattening (of a weight of more than 200 kg. but not more than 280 kg.)
- 0102.907 --- Calves
- 0201.101 --- Meat of bovine animals, fresh, carcasses and half-carcasses, veal
- 0201.201 --- Meat of bovine animals, fresh, other cuts with bone-in, veal
- 0201.301 --- Meat of bovine animals, fresh, boneless, veal
- 0202.101 --- Meat of bovine animals, frozen, carcasses and half-carcasses, veal
- 0202.201 --- Meat of bovine animals, frozen, other cuts with bone-in, veal
- 0202.301 --- Meat of bovine animals, frozen, boneless, veal

For the export of products falling under Tariff No. 0102.104 - pure-bred breeding species, calves, it is mandatory to acquire an export licence. The purpose of issuing export licences is the stabilization of the home market of some agricultural and foodstuff products. Export licences are issued by the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Trade.

Export licences are issued on the basis of the Law on the Exchange of Goods and Services with Foreign Countries ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 66/85 with amendments "Official Gazette of the SFRY", Nos. 38/86, 67/86, 43/87 and 87/87) and the Decision on the Régime of Export and Import of Commodities ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 82/87) with amendments ("Official Gazette of the SFRY", No. 14/88).

Stimulation of the export of products covered by the Arrangement is effected through the Fund for the Promotion of the Production and Export of Cattle and Cattle Products (STOFO) pursuant to the export programme of STOFO and its regulations. Its members are the producers of these products.

The level of subsidies varies, depending on the type of products and the degree of processing it has undergone and is determined by mutual agreement of STOFO members. Depending on the conditions for marketing these products on foreign markets, members of STOFO jointly decide about the transfer of resources at their disposal for the purposes between various presentations.

Veterinary-sanitary regulations

(d) The import of cattle is permitted under the following conditions:

1. Every consignment must have a veterinary certificate on the origin and state of health, issued by the competent veterinary organ of the importing country confirming the following:
 - that the shipment does not manifest a radio-contamination level that is higher than permitted in the SFRY;
 - that the animals in the shipment have been examined individually and established as healthy at the time of loading, and that they are completely unsuspected as to contagious diseases which are subject to mandatory notification;
 - that there has been no incidence in the exporting country of the following contagious diseases: rinderpest and pleuropneumonia in the last twelve months, foot-and-mouth disease of the classical type within a radius of thirty kilometres in the last three months, and of the exotic type in the last six months within a radius of thirty kilometres.
2. During transport, unloading, reloading or additional loading is not permitted. If, due to any reasons the shipment must be reloaded, this shall be carried out in the presence of the competent veterinary inspector who shall re-examine the shipment and include the results of the examination, as well as the causes of the reloading into the accompanying veterinary certificate of the origin and state of health of the shipment. The same procedure shall be applied in case the animals die during transport.

The conditions which apply to the import of beef are as follows:

1. Each shipment must have a veterinary-sanitary certificate issued by the competent organ of the exporting country confirming:
 - that the meat originates from animals bred in places free of animal diseases prior to and during slaughter, namely those that can be transmitted by the shipment;
 - that in the place of origin of the animals and in a radius of thirty kilometres of that place there has been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease in the last three months and at the time of slaughter;

- that the meat originates from animals which were examined prior to and during slaughter and established as healthy and the meat appropriate for human consumption;
 - that the slaughterhouses from which the meat originates is under constant veterinary-sanitary control and that they are registered for export;
 - that the meat is marked with the seal of the slaughterhouse with the date of slaughter and export control number;
 - that the meat does not contain harmful substances (pesticides, antibiotics, hormones, sulphonamides, etc.) in quantities exceeding the permitted levels (MDK);
 - that the shipment does not show a level of radio-contamination higher than the prescribed levels in the SFRY.
2. Each shipment is required to have a certificate issued by the competent veterinary organ of the country in which the meat is stored, that the meat was stored under required hygienic conditions and that it was handled, as well as that it was stored in cold storage plants which are under constant veterinary-sanitary control.

Part G.2 Notification of changes in policies

The import of meat is limited by quantitative restrictions which are established every year, depending on the programmes of production and export.

The import and transport of animals, animal products, raw materials and wastes of animal origin, seeds for artificial insemination, fertilized egg cells for the insemination of animals and other products which can transmit contagious diseases, require a decision of the official in charge of the federal agency competent for affairs of protecting animals from contagious diseases, which establishes that no veterinary-sanitary obstacles exist for the import and transport of these shipments in accordance with the provisions of the mentioned Law.

PART H

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

Among the multilateral agreements, Yugoslavia participates in the International Office of Epizootics to which it acceded in 1924.

With the EEC, starting with 1970, when the first SFRY-EEC Trade Agreement was concluded, then the second Agreement of 1973 and the present new Agreement on Co-operation between the SFRY and the EEC, which was concluded on 2 April 1980, a certain scale of reduction of the levy has been established for imports of live bullocks and bullock meat from Yugoslavia into the EEC. This concession is based on the specific quality of bullock meat of the baby-beef type. This principle was notified to the GATT upon the conclusion of the first SFRY-EEC Agreement which contained this concession.

The Trade Agreement SFRY-EEC, which is currently in force, establishes a scale of reduction of the levy within the framework of the global annual quota of 50,400 tons; monthly quotas in the amount of 4,200 tons and the observation of the level of the guide price.

Yugoslavia has also signed veterinary conventions or agreements with the following countries: Albania, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Mongolia, People's Republic of China, Poland, Romania, Turkey, and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.