

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat

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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

AUSTRALIA

Corrigendum

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 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).

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Page 2, paragraph 2: Replace by the following

"The cattle herd in Australia numbered some 22.8 million at 31 March 1983. Beef and veal production reached 1,679 kt in 1982 and is forecast at around 1,375 kt in 1983 and 1,350 kt in 1984."

Page 2, paragraph 3: Replace by the following

"The gross value of production, including dairy cattle for meat, was \$A1,985 million in 1982/83. This represented almost 18 per cent of the gross value of rural output of \$A11,187 million in the same year."

Page 4, paragraph 3: Replace by the following

"In view of the recent disastrous drought experienced over most of southern and eastern Australia, the Australian Government provided funds for two special measures to provide assistance to drought-affected farmers. These include an Interest Rate Subsidy Scheme by the Department of Primary Industry and a Fodder Subsidy Scheme administered by State authorities. Due to a general improvement of seasonal conditions, the Fodder Subsidy was terminated on 30 June 1983 and the Interest Rate Subsidy is due to cease on 31 December 1983.

In addition to these special measures, primary producers are eligible to apply for drought relief under the Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements, which are partly funded by the Commonwealth and entirely administered by the States."

Page 5, last paragraph: Replace by the following

"The Australian Government has recently substantially increased Commonwealth funding for major test and slaughter programmes to eradicate tuberculosis and brucellosis in Australian cattle, in a manner which will ensure an acceleration of the programme in remote areas."

Page 7, paragraph 5: Replace last sentence by the following

"This legislation is expected to come into operation very shortly."

Part H: Information on bilateral or plurilateral agreements

No changes.