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CANADA - IMPORT QUOTA FOR EGGS AND EGG PRODUCTS

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The following communication, dated 11 July 1975, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada.

I have the honour to advise you, for the information of contracting parties, that on 4 July the Canadian Government announced a global import quota for eggs and egg products effective midnight, 4 July. This step is being taken in accordance with paragraph 2(c) of Article XI to support the Canadian supply management programme operated by the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency, which was established under the 1972 Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act.

The quota will cover imports of shell eggs, egg powder, and frozen egg products (ex BTN numbers 04.05 and 35.02). Imports of these products will be subject to individual import licence allocation within the quota. The quota will not include imports of eggs for non-commercial use up to a limit of two dozen; hatching eggs imported for direct use by registered hatching operations; or certain categories of specialty preserved eggs (e.g. eggs encased in mud). Importation of these products will be under open general licence not requiring prior application or quantitative limitation.

Quota amounts will be determined annually. For the calendar year 1975 the quota will amount in terms of shell egg equivalent to 5,862,600 dozen (or in rounded terms 5.9 million dozen), apportioned on a product basis as follows:

- shell eggs: quantities expressed in traded form 54,000 cases; quantities expressed in shell egg equivalent 1,620,000 dozen;

- powdered eggs including albumen: quantities expressed in traded form 843,600 pounds; quantities expressed in shell egg equivalent 2,530,800 dozen;
- frozen egg products including whole egg, yolk, and albumen: quantities expressed in traded form 2,168,280 pounds; quantities expressed in shell egg equivalent 1,711,800 dozen.

The product apportionments set out above are not interchangeable. Imports within the quota may come from any country except Rhodesia. To ensure orderly marketing, quota amounts will be apportioned in line with market requirements, commencing with the date of quota implementation. Import licences will be allocated to importers on the basis of their historical performance. Provision will be made to accommodate new entrants. Consideration will be given to licence applications for shipments in transit at the time of quota implementation provided satisfactory documentation is presented.

The quota amounts for the calendar year 1975 and their product distribution were set, taking into account the following factors:

- the supply management programme uses a five-year annual average of a national egg production as a base for limiting and allocating marketing among Canadian Provinces (the present base, not reflecting marketing limitations which may be imposed in 1975, is roughly equivalent to the 1969-73 average production);
- the annual average of import volumes and the proportion of imports to production in the 1969-73 period; and,
- market needs.

The same factors with reference to anticipated supply conditions will be taken into account in setting quota amounts in future years. Public notice of future quota changes will be given in advance in the Canada Gazette.