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DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO THE OPERATION OF PART IV

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

The following notification has been received from the Government of Sweden in reply to GATT/AIR/750.

A. Reduction or elimination of customs duties on products of export interest to developing countries

In last year's notification an account was given of the Swedish Kennedy Round concessions and the advance implementation of some of these (cf. document COM.TD/60/Add.2). Since that time no changes on products of export interest to developing countries have taken place. It can, however, be mentioned that Sweden is taking an active part in the work aiming at establishing a scheme of general non-discriminatory preferences in favour of the developing countries and in the negotiations concerning non-tariff barriers in the GATT.

B. Reduction or elimination of fiscal duties or internal charges on such products

No measures of this kind have been taken since last year's notification.

C. Removal of import restrictions applied on such products; where restrictions are not removed any changes in their administration, such as increases in global quotas, changes in quotas applying to different sources of supply; establishment of target dates for liberalization

Import restrictions are maintained only for positions ex 03.01 and ex 03.02 - cod and certain kinds of herring (cf. document L/3212/Add.8).

D. Reduction or removal of other non-tariff measures of interest to developing countries

No changes have taken place since last year's notification.

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E. Any increases in duties, fiscal charges, quantitative restrictions, and other trade barriers affecting the export of developing countries

Sweden has continued to comply with the standstill provisions of Article XXXVII:1(b) and 1(c)(i).

F. Changes in "trade margins" of the kind referred to in paragraph 3(a) of Article XXXVI

Not applicable to Sweden.

G. Measures falling within the provisions of paragraph 3(b) of Article XXXVII

I. Steps to promote structural changes

The Swedish policy in regard to structural changes is in general terms a liberal import policy accompanied by an active labour market policy. A description of the Swedish policy in this respect is contained in document COM.TD/W/92/Add.3.

As a member of the International Sugar Agreement, which entered into force 1 January 1969, Sweden has made a special undertaking to continue its policy of limiting beet production and not to increase the area used for such production above the level to which it has been recently reduced, that is 40,000 hectares in round figures.

II. Steps to encourage consumption of particular products

No such steps have been taken since last year's notification.

III. Steps to introduce measures of trade promotion

In regard to measures of trade promotion Sweden is continuing its contribution on a large scale to the activities of the International Trade Centre. For the fiscal year 1969/70, compared with previous fiscal year, the Swedish Government has increased unilateral funds available for the activities of the International Trade Centre by around 50 per cent. This means that the Swedish funds available for export promotion projects will reach approximately \$750,000. As examples of measures which could support the efforts of the developing countries on the Swedish market mention could be made of a special study of the Scandinavian market concerning certain products of export interest to the developing countries and of a free space offer for twelve developing countries to participate in the 1970 Stockholm Trade Fair.