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Addendum

Group "Agriculture"

Sub-Group on Grains

1. When it met from 20-23 October, the Sub-Group resumed discussion of questions relating to the stabilization of prices and markets for grains, trade liberalization and points relating to the interests of developing countries. It took note of documentation on international trade in grains prepared by the secretariat and agreed that additional information would be provided by delegations to enable the secretariat to undertake further work on the documentation which could be taken up again at its next meeting. The Sub-Group also agreed that at its next meeting it would continue the discussion of the various elements contained in the proposals that have been or may be made with regard to the three inter-related categories of topics mentioned above.

Sub-Group on Meat

2. The Sub-Group, which met from 6-10 October, continued its analysis of the specific characteristics, structure and problems of world trade in meat, including the direct or indirect impact of trade barriers and trade-distorting practices. It examined trade measures maintained in the meat sector by a number of countries and agreed to resume this examination and extend it to other elements. The Sub-Group invited delegations to submit written contributions, before the next meeting, on matters relevant to the work of the Sub-Group. It was further agreed that the secretariat would revise the note on export and import measures relevant to meat to take account of points raised during the meeting.

Sub-Group on Dairy Products

3. At its meeting from 13-17 October 1975, the Sub-Group carried out an analysis of the specific characteristics, of the structure and the problems of world trade in dairy products, including the direct or indirect impact of trade barriers and trade-distorting practices, taking into account the wide diversity and interchangeability of products derived from milk. Information provided on international or regional devices existing in the dairy products sector was examined by the Sub-Group which also examined export and import measures maintained in the sector by a number of countries. At its next meeting, the Sub-Group is expected to complete its examination of export and import measures and to assess the proposals that have been made having regard, inter alia, to the objectives of the negotiations.