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## CANADA - IMPORT QUOTA FOR CHEESE

### Notification under Article XI

The following communication, dated 9 June 1975, has been received from the Permanent Representative of Canada.

I have the honour to advise you, for the information of contracting parties, that on 6 June the Government of Canada gave public notice, as required by Article XI of the GATT, of the establishment effective midnight 6 June of a global import quota for all types of cheese during the calendar year 1975. Contracting parties that have a substantial interest as exporters of cheese to Canada have been informed of this measure, and prior to its announcement bilateral consultations were held with them.

This notification represents an amendment to earlier notifications by Canada regarding import controls on cheese (see documents MTN/3E/DOC/7/Add.3 of 2 December 1974; COM.LG/W/90/Add.3 of 27 January 1973 and Corr.1 of 12 April 1973; and L/3455 dated 4 December 1970).

This measure was taken to simplify existing import controls on cheese which have been in place since 1970 and to support the Canadian supply management programme for manufacturing milk, in accordance with paragraph 2(c)(i) of Article XI of the GATT.

The quota will amount to 50 million pounds of cheese for 1975, an increase of some 2 million pounds over 1974 import volumes. In contrast to the previous import controls, the quota will make no distinction as to variety or end-use of cheese. It will permit a continuation and growth in supplies of imported cheese in line with consumer needs.

Within the quota, imports may come from any country except Rhodesia. To ensure that needs for different varieties are met, the quota will be allocated to importers with a historical performance of cheese imports based on the quantities and varieties they imported in the two most recent representative years, 1973 and 1974. The allocation of licences will be in proportion to the average of their imports in 1973

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and 1974, by variety. A shift not to exceed 10 per cent within any one of the importer's varieties may be permitted to meet Canadian market requirements. In addition, there will be an allowance in relation to the global quota of up to 5 per cent for new importers and 5 per cent for varieties not previously imported into Canada during 1973 and 1974.

Favourable consideration will be given to licence applications for shipments in transit at the time of the application of the global quota, provided satisfactory documentation is presented. Shipments in 1975 up to the time of the application of the global quota, including transit shipments, will be debited against importers' individual quota allocations and the overall quota amount of 50 million pounds. Individual shipments not exceeding in value \$20 for personal and household use will not require licences.