

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## International Dairy Arrangement

### COMMITTEE OF THE PROTOCOL REGARDING CERTAIN CHEESES

#### Report to the International Dairy Products Council

1. Under Article VII:2(a) of the Arrangement and in accordance with Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee has prepared the present report on its eighteenth session.
2. The Committee held its eighteenth session on 21 June 1984.
3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/2018. It also adopted the report on its seventeenth session.
4. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the first quarter of 1984 to do so without delay. The Committee took note of the summary tables prepared by the secretariat.
5. An exchange of information and views took place in the Committee concerning the market situation for products covered by the Protocol. Among the salient points characterizing the current market situation, the Committee noted that while prices differed according to varieties and markets, prices of Cheddar cheese seemed to have been stabilizing in the second quarter of 1984. It noted that competition remained keen in certain markets and recalled the need for close co-operation among participants.
6. The Committee took note of the New Zealand notification regarding sales under Article 7:2 of the Protocol and was informed of operations carried out under that heading.
7. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively from 24 to 26 September 1984, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.