

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

International Dairy Arrangement

COMMITTEE OF THE PROTOCOL REGARDING CERTAIN CHEESES

Report to the International Dairy Products Council

1. In pursuance of Article VII:2(a) of the Arrangement and Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee has prepared the present report on its twenty-fourth session.
2. The Committee held its twenty-fourth session on 17 December 1985.
3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/2229 and adopted the report on its twenty-third session (DPC/C/36).
4. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the third quarter of 1985 to do so without delay. The Committee took note of the summary tables prepared by the secretariat.
5. The Committee took note of information furnished by Australia, New Zealand and South Africa regarding operations under Article 7:2 of the Protocol.
6. An exchange of information and views took place in the Committee regarding the market situation for products covered by the Protocol. Among the salient points characterizing the market situation, the Committee noted that international prices of Cheddar cheese had fluctuated between US\$1,000 and 1,300 during the fourth quarter and that competition had remained keen on certain markets.
7. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively on 17 and 18 March 1986, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.