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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 adopted the present report on its twenty-eighth session.
2. The Committee held its twenty-eighth session on 15 December 1986.
3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/2346, as well as the report on its twenty-seventh session (DPC/C/42).
4. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the third quarter of 1986 to do so without delay. The Committee took note of the summary tables prepared by the secretariat.
5. The Committee took note of the information furnished by New Zealand regarding operations under Article 7:2 of the Protocol. It examined a communication from New Zealand concerning this participant's exports under that derogation (DPC/C/W/31). Certain participants expressed concern with regard to the use of this derogation; others indicated that they would have no difficulty, in principle, with New Zealand's proposal. The Committee decided to revert to the matter at its next regular meeting.
6. Members of the Committee exchanged information and views 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\$1,030 and US\$1,130 per ton f.o.b. during the fourth quarter of 1986.
7. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively on 16 and 17 March 1987, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.