

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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TARIFFS AND TRADE

Special Distribution

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 thirty-second session, held on 14 and 15 December 1987.
2. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/2523, as well as the report on its thirty-first session as amended (DPC/C/48).
3. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the third quarter of 1987 to do so without delay. The Committee took note of the summary tables prepared by the secretariat.
4. The Committee took note of the information furnished by New Zealand regarding operations under Article 7:2 of the Protocol and also of the register of sales made under that provision (DPC/C/W/27/Rev.6). Certain participants expressed concern with regard to the use of this derogation by New Zealand.
5. Members of the Committee exchanged information and views regarding the market situation for products covered by the Protocol. The Committee noted that international prices of Cheddar cheese had been between US\$1,200 and US\$1,400 per ton f.o.b. during the fourth quarter of 1987, and the market was expected to remain firm. Some concerns were expressed as to the effects on consumption and trade of measures taken recently for public health reasons, concerning contaminated soft cheeses.
6. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively on 21 and 22 March 1988, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.