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MINIMUM PRICES FOR CEREALS IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

The following paper has been received from the United Kingdom delegation in connexion with the discussion on item (iv) of document TN.64/Ce/W/1: quality differentials for the various qualities of wheat and coarse grains.

1. At the July meeting of the Cereals Group, the United Kingdom undertook to submit for circulation at the next meeting a statement of the minimum import prices for the different qualities of wheat which it had introduced in July 1964. A note is accordingly attached showing these prices in sterling per long ton and in United States dollars per metric ton. The note also shows the minimum import prices for barley, oats, maize and sorghum. All the minimum import prices are fixed on a c.i.f. basis United Kingdom.

2. The main factors which the United Kingdom Government took into account in determining the quality differentials for the various categories of wheat for minimum price purposes were:

- (a) the differentials established in world markets in recent years;
- (b) the minimum price established under the International Wheat Agreement and records prepared by the Secretariat of the Wheat Council on quality differentials for wheat;
- (c) the co-efficients of equivalence between the various qualities of wheat established under the European Economic Community regulations.

Coarse grains

3. In fixing minimum import prices for coarse grains, the United Kingdom took account not only of market differentials in past years but also of the relative feeding values of the various cereals concerned (including denatured wheat) which it considers important in this context. No differentials, however, have been introduced for the different grades of each of the coarse grains.

MINIMUM IMPORT PRICE LEVELS FOR CEREALS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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Tariff Heading	Description of Imports	Minimum Import Price Level	
	Imports of:	£ s. d.	US\$ per
		per long ton	metric ton
10.01	Wheat:		
	A. Denatured wheat	20 10 0	56.50
	B. Other wheat:		
	1. European milling wheats; wheats of comparable quality.	22 10 0	62.01
	2. Canadian Soft Eastern White; United States Soft White No. 2; United States Soft Red Winter No. 2; wheats of comparable quality.	23 10 0	64.76
	3. Australian; Canadian No. 5; wheats of comparable quality.	24 10 0	67.52
	4. United States Hard and Dark Hard Winters Nos. 1 and 2 with in each case less than 14 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content; United States Hard White; Argentinian; Russian; wheats of comparable quality.	25 5 0	69.59
	5. Canadian Manitoba Northern No. 4; United States Northern, Dark Northern and Red Springs Nos. 1 and 2 with in each case less than 14 per cent by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content; United States Hard and Dark Hard Winters Nos. 1 and 2 with in each case 14 per cent or more by weight of protein at the pre- scribed standard moisture content; wheats of comparable quality.	26 0 0	71.65
	6. Any variety of durum wheat; Canadian Manitoba Northern Nos. 1, 2 and 3; United States Northern, Dark Northern and Red Springs Nos. 1 and 2 with in each case 14 per cent or more by weight of protein at the prescribed standard moisture content; wheats of comparable quality.	26 10 0	73.03

1 Tariff Heading	2 Description of Imports	3 Minimum Import Price Level	
	Imports of:	£ s. d.	US\$ per
		per long	metric
		ton	ton
10.03	Barley	20 0 0	55.12
10.04	Oats	20 0 0	55.12
10.05	Maize other than sweet corn on the cob:		
	A. Flat white maize	21 0 0	57.87
	B. Other	21 0 0	57.87
10.07	Grain sorghum	20 10 0	56.50

Note: The prescribed standard moisture content is 14 per cent by weight.