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Group on Dairy Products

ELEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS

In accordance with the procedures adopted by the Trade Negotiations Committee (TN.64/39/Rev.1) the Group on Dairy Products adopted the following list of elements for consideration in the negotiations on dairy products.

1. Products included in the negotiations

The negotiations would relate initially to butter, preserved milk and the principal cheeses entering into international trade, although it was understood that, in accordance with document TN.64/39/Rev.1 the proposals and the offers to be tabled by all participants in the trade negotiations not later than 16 September would relate to all dairy products; such offers and proposals would have to be in conformity with the provisions of document TN.64/39/Rev.1, annexed hereto.

2. Agricultural policies

All relevant elements of national policies relating to dairy products in importing and exporting countries, including:

(i) Internal measures

- internal support policies, including subsidies, and other measures as they affect levels of domestic production, consumption and trade.

(ii) Measures at the frontier

- import duties and charges including variable levies; where appropriate quantitative restrictions; minimum import prices and other import barriers.

3. International trade

(i) Access

- relationship between domestic production and imports;
- opportunities to compete for participation in meeting market demand;
- reduction and elimination of discrimination in opportunities for access.

(ii) International prices

- levels of international prices;
- stabilization of international prices through measures aiming at co-ordinated balance between world supplies and demand, or through measures directly affecting international prices, such as minimum prices, price ranges, etc.
- elimination of export subsidies;
- dumping.

(iii) Assurances of supply by exporting countries

4. Non-commercial disposals

- surplus disposals, food aid programmes, etc.

5. Other matters

- market development and promotion;
- measures affecting consumption;
- disparities of consumption levels in different countries;
- the possibility of concluding between the States principally concerned with a particular market local agreements;
- health and similar regulations;
- procedures for confrontation on production, import and export policies; other procedural questions.