

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Group on Meat

### PROGRAMME OF WORK

The Group on Meat, noting the views of most members that the collection and exchange of information would be useful in the evaluation of offers when made, unanimously invites members of the Group and other countries significant in world production of and/or trade in meat to compile the following information. This information should relate to cattle, beef and veal. Where information relates to past performance it should cover, if possible, a period of five years. This information should be rendered in United States cents and kilogrammes or United States dollars and metric tons. The Group further agreed to meet during the second half of March 1966 in order to consider in what respects the information could usefully be added to in anticipation of the future negotiations. The Group will then consider on the basis of these data what technical studies if any it could usefully carry out in preparation for the future negotiations. Participating countries are requested to supply the information asked for as soon as possible and in any case, not later than 1 February 1966.

#### I. Existing beef policies:

- (i) Support prices: guaranteed prices, guide prices, intervention prices (indicating differences according to type of meat or cattle).
- (ii) Market prices for cattle; yearly average.
- (iii) Total producer's return per kilogramme live weight, including assistance and subsidies.
- (iv) Inventory and costs of aids and subsidies of every type which may influence production and returns to producers.
- (v) Total quantity and value of production.
- (vi) Analysis of measures at the frontier: specific and ad valorem customs duties and charges on imports; variable levies; tariff quotas and quantitative import restrictions; other restrictions to imports or to the sale of imported goods; fees paid on account of administrative import formalities.

II. Incidence on meat production of policies on cereals and dairy products:

- (i) Estimated volumes and prices of cereals used for intensive fattening of cattle with a breakdown showing type of cereal and origin.
- (ii) Evolution of ratio between cereal prices and fat cattle prices.
- (iii) Total producers' returns for milk, including assistance and subsidies.
- (iv) Evolution of ratio between the prices of fat cattle, live weight basis, and milk prices.
- (v) Estimated quantity and value of beef and veal production from dairy herds.
- (vi) Comparative evolution of the dairy cattle herd and of the intensively fed beef herd in relation to total cattle herd.

III. Internal prices:

Information on the levels of internal prices for beef and veal per kilogramme of carcass, in the most representative markets or cities:

- (i) Wholesale prices.
- (ii) Retail prices or consumer prices.
- (iii) Costs of marketing.
- (iv) Charges on wholesale and retail sales of meat, at the national, provincial and municipal level, as recorded at the most representative commercial centres.

IV. International prices:

- (i) Information on the levels of international prices prevailing in the various markets for the defined qualities and modes of presentation of meats (f.o.b., c.i.f., free-at-frontier prices as the case may be).
- (ii) Data on the conditions of price formation in international markets; comments on the feasibility of establishing prices for these products figuring in international trade and the legal possibilities of maintaining such prices.
- (iii) Concrete data on export subsidies and export aids; global values and quantities, and values per unit;
- (iv) Information on stocking capacities in the various countries.

- V. Bilateral agreements affecting imports and exports.
- VI. Data on production, imports, exports and consumption of beef and estimates for 1970, on a standardized statistical basis.
- VII. Trends in total per caput consumption of all types of meat including estimates for 1970, in relation to available income, retail price and percentage of consumer expenditure devoted to meat.
- VIII. Sanitary or veterinary regulations affecting the level of beef imports.
- IX. Import policies for live cattle.