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### Inventory of Measures and Mechanisms Influencing Exports

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#### AUSTRALIA

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Note: The description of measures and observations in the addenda will replace those contained in document COM.AG/W/81/Add.13.

The statistical information will be supplementary to that in previous documentation.

I. INFORMATION ON EXPORT CREDITS

The following details update the information previously submitted concerning dairy products, grains, meat and fruit and vegetables.

Dairy products

Shipments to the United Kingdom are sold on consignment. Trader-to-trader sales are made on normal commercial terms. There are no extended credit sales on dairy products.

Grains

Wheat

Quantities of wheat and flour are donated under the Food Aid Convention of the International Wheat Agreement. There are no sales under non-commercial export credit terms. The Australian Wheat Board, however, has extended credit for up to three years on some sales in recent years. For some sales on credit terms the Australian Government bears some of the risk of non-payment under the "national interest" provisions of the Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act.

Maize

There are no specific measures to assist export trade in maize.

Oats

There are no specific measures to assist export trade in oats. There have been no non-commercial transactions in oats.

Barley

There are no specific measures to assist export trade in barley. Stock management is in the hands of several marketing boards and there is no Government intervention.

Sorghum

There are no specific measures relating to sorghum. Exports vary substantially from year to year and generally represent the surplus over domestic requirements.

Meat

There are no specific export facilities for transactions covering meat exports.

Fruit and vegetables

Citrus fruit

Export credit is limited to normal commercial practice.

Other fresh fruit (apples and pears)

No non-commercial transactions or policies. Export credit is limited to normal commercial practice. Forward sales are made against irrevocable letters of credit.

Canned fruit

There are very few non-commercial exports. These are confined to donations by the Australian Government under the World Food Plan and the Colombo Plan. These are bought by the Government at ruling prices. Quantities involved are very small in relation to total trade.

Reference: COM.AG/W/34 and Addenda 1 to 9

II. LIVE CATTLE, BEEF AND VEAL, OTHER MEATS AND PROCESSED MEATS

A. Observations

1. There are no direct Government support measures.
2. A guaranteed price scheme for exports of carcass lambs (13-16 kgs.) exported to the United Kingdom operated for the months September to the end of February 1962/63 to 1970/71 and which was extended to operate for the twelve months ended 31 July 1972, was discontinued on 31 March 1972. A total of US\$213,329 was paid out to exporters on 8,964 tons of lamb shipped to the United Kingdom in 1969/70 and 1971/72. (Actual lamb shipments to the United Kingdom in those years were 17,008 tons and 14,150 tons respectively.)

"The money paid was from Australian Meat Board funds and such funds are derived from producers. There was no Government finance involved. (In view of this the figures previously shown on the accompanying table as 'with indirect assistance' have been deleted as it is assumed such assistance refers to Government assistance.)"

Reference: L/3653/Add.16

II.B. STATISTICS

Products	Years	Exports			Total amount of export payments US\$ '000	Ratio of non-assisted exports to total exports	Ratio of total amount of export payments
		Total	With indirect assistance	Without assistance			
Live cattle 01.02	1968/69	827	-	-	827	-	-
	1969/70	439	-	-	439	100	100
	1970/71	323	-	-	323	100	100
	1971/72/	1,000	-	-	1,000	100	100
	1972/73/	3,808	-	-	3,808	100	100
Beef and veal ex 02.01	1968/69	236,333	-	-	236,333	-	-
	1969/70	327,188	-	-	327,188	100	100
	1970/71	339,468	-	-	339,468	100	100
	1971/72/	455,237	-	-	455,237	100	100
	1972/73/	839,123	-	-	839,123	100	100
Poultry - live 01.05	1968/69	28	-	-	28	100	100
	1969/70	140	-	-	140	100	100
	1970/71	180	-	-	180	100	100
	1971/72/	202	-	-	202	100	100
	1972/73/	218	-	-	218	100	100
Poultry - frozen ex 02.02	1968/69	964	-	-	964	100	100
	1969/70	1,231	-	-	1,231	100	100
	1970/71	1,683	-	-	1,683	100	100
	1971/72/	2,429	-	-	2,429	100	100
	1972/73/	3,179	-	-	3,179	100	100
Pigmeat - frozen ex 02.01	1968/69	1,047	-	-	1,047	100	100
	1969/70	4,536	-	-	4,536	100	100
	1970/71	1,596	-	-	1,596	100	100
	1971/72/	3,676	-	-	3,676	100	100
	1972/73/	21,915	-	-	21,915	100	100
Pigmeat - dried, salted ex 02.06	1968/69	340	-	-	340	100	100
	1969/70	343	-	-	343	100	100
	1970/71	476	-	-	476	100	100
	1971/72/	486	-	-	486	100	100
	1972/73/	520	-	-	520	100	100

Products	Years	Exports			Total amount of export payments US\$ '000	Ratio of non-assisted exports to total exports	Ratio of total amount of export payments to total exports	Ratio of total amount of export payments to assisted exports
		Total	With indirect assistance	Without assistance				
Live sheep ex 01.04	1968/69	3,303	-	3,303	100	100	100	100
	1969/70	4,664	-	4,664	100	100	100	100
	1970/71	6,245	-	6,245	100	100	100	100
	1971/72/	7,053	-	7,053	100	100	100	100
	1972/73/	15,759	-	15,759	100	100	100	100
Mutton and lamb ex 02.01	1968/69	50,884	-	50,884	100	100	100	100
	1969/70	91,261	-	91,261	100	100	100	100
	1970/71	82,967	-	82,967	100	100	100	100
	1971/72/	125,182	-	125,182	100	100	100	100
	1972/73/	151,997	-	151,997	100	100	100	100
Offals - fresh, chilled, frozen ex 02.01	1968/69	12,189	-	12,189	100	100	100	100
	1969/70	21,143	-	21,143	100	100	100	100
	1970/71	20,326	-	20,326	100	100	100	100
	1971/72/	24,673	-	24,673	100	100	100	100
	1972/73/	47,968	-	47,968	100	100	100	100
Canned meat ex 16.02	1968/69	14,732	-	14,732	100	100	100	100
	1969/70	17,914	-	17,914	100	100	100	100
	1970/71	29,894	-	29,894	100	100	100	100
	1971/72/	25,433	-	25,433	100	100	100	100
	1972/73/	14,649	-	14,649	100	100	100	100
Sausages ex 16.01	1968/69	925	-	925	100	100	100	100
	1969/70	932	-	932	100	100	100	100
	1970/71	1,036	-	1,036	100	100	100	100
	1971/72/	1,239	-	1,239	100	100	100	100
	1972/73/	1,383	-	1,383	100	100	100	100
Total of products listed above	1968/69	321,572	-	321,572	100	100	100	100
	1969/70	469,791	-	469,791	100	100	100	100
	1970/71	484,194	-	484,194	100	100	100	100
	1971/72/	646,710	-	646,710	100	100	100	100
	1972/73/	1,095,519	-	1,095,519	100	100	100	100

### III. DAIRY PRODUCTS

#### A. Observations

1. An arrangement for voluntary pooling of domestic and export returns for skim milk powder was introduced in 1970/71. The Government in that year made a grant of US\$3.784 million on exports of skim milk powder, casein and related products to compensate for currency devaluation losses. Of this amount, US\$2.02 million went to skim milk powder.
2. The export bounty is based on butterfat content of processed milk products. The export bounty is to be phased out over the two-year period ending June 1975.
3. Producers of butter and cheese received an unchanged bounty of US\$30.24 million for the years 1956/57 to 1969/70. This bounty was designed to reduce prices to domestic consumers. For 1970/71 and 1971/72 additional grants of US\$17.788 million and US\$14.56 million respectively were made to compensate for currency devaluation losses. For 1972/73 the total bounty was reduced to US\$34.57 million. In July 1973 the Australian Government announced its intention to phase out the bounty over the two-year period ending June 1975. The subsidy for 1973/74 was set at US\$25.46 million.<sup>1</sup>
4. Returns from export earnings and domestic sales for butter and also for cheese are pooled. The practice of allocating the butter and cheese bounty pro rata between exports and domestic sales has been continued.

Reference: L/3653/Add.16  
L/3655/Add.20

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<sup>1</sup>Conversion rate used \$A 1 = US\$1.4143

III.B. STATISTICS

Products	Years	Exports			Total amount of export payments	Ratio of non-assisted exports to total exports	Ratio of total amount to assisted exports
		Total	With direct assistance	With indirect assistance			
Skim milk powder ex 04.02	1968/69	7,192	-	-	7,192	57.1/	-
	1969/70	9,314	-	-	9,314	49.1/	-
	1970/71	10,286	10,286	-	-	-	20
	1971/72	16,334	-	-	16,334	-	-
	1972/73	24,006	-	-	24,006	-	-
Processed milk products ex 04.02	1968/69 <sup>2/</sup>	23,649	23,649	-	-	58.5/	-
	1969/70 <sup>2/</sup>	24,140	24,140	-	-	52.0/	-
	1970/71 <sup>2/</sup>	24,329	24,329	-	-	89.6/	-
	1971/72	27,184	27,184	-	-	93.5/	-
	1972/73	39,162	39,162	-	-	1,024.3/	-
Butter 04.03	1968/69	45,386	-	-	45,386	10,295.4/	4
	1969/70	58,754	-	-	58,754	11,922.4/	3
	1970/71	53,822	-	-	53,822	19,050.4/	5
	1971/72	57,209	-	-	57,209	12,478.4/	3
	1972/73	79,358	-	-	79,358	11,871.1/	3
Cheese 04.04	1968/69	15,617	-	-	15,617	1,646.4/	3
	1969/70	21,928	-	-	21,928	2,202.4/	2
	1970/71	21,349	-	-	21,349	3,051.4/	2
	1971/72	26,270	-	-	26,270	3,029.4/	2
	1972/73	27,767	-	-	27,767	2,188.4/	2
Total of products listed above	1968/69 <sup>2/</sup>	91,844	23,649	61,003	7,192	57.1/	8
	1969/70 <sup>2/</sup>	114,136	24,140	80,652	9,314	80.1/	8
	1970/71 <sup>2/</sup>	109,786	34,615	75,171	-	25,017	-
	1971/72	126,997	27,184	83,479	-	16,442	-
	1972/73	170,293	39,162	107,125	24,006	15,083	14

<sup>1/</sup> Figures under "non-commercial transactions" are based on date of shipment. For this reason they may not be strictly comparable with other data which is based on date of lodgement of export entries.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised to include milk based food beverages.

<sup>3/</sup> Actual payments under Observation 2.

<sup>4/</sup> Portion of subsidy paid vide Observation 3 attributable to exports.

#### IV. FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

##### A. Observations

1. A five-year price stabilization plan commenced with the 1970/71 season and applies to that portion of fresh apple and pear exports that are shipped "at risk" e.g. on consignment or for sale afloat. At the end of each export season, owners of fruit contribute to or receive payments from varietal pools, depending on the extent to which the average realization for each variety is above or below a predetermined support price. The Government guarantees the operation of the pools up to a limit of United States cents 89.6 per bushel on 4.4 million bushels in any one season. (Should the quantity exported exceed 4.4 million bushels there is a pro rata reduction in the per bushel guarantee.)
2. A five-year price stabilization plan for the dried vine fruits industry commenced with the 1971 season. Separate pools operate for currants, sultanas and raisins. Initial base prices were established for each variety and will be varied each season in accordance with movements in producers' cash costs. Producers contribute to or receive payments from the pools depending on whether the average returns are above or below the base prices. (The first US\$11.20 variation either way is not taken into account.) There is an upper limit to contributions per ton by producers and by the Government in terms of its guarantee of the pool operations. Should production in a season fall outside specified tonnage limits, the foregoing arrangements are modified in certain respects. Estimates of Government payments in relation to the 1972 crop amounted to \$A 1.2 million.

Reference: L/3655/Add.20

#### V. GRAINS

##### A. Observations

1. A guaranteed price is paid up to 200 million bushels (5.44 million tons) of wheat and wheat equivalent of wheat products exported from each season's pool. When the average export price for a pool is above the guaranteed price plus 5 cents per bushel, growers pay the excess, up to 15 cents per bushel, into a stabilization fund. When the export price is below the guaranteed price, payments are made from the fund. When the fund is exhausted (as it has been since 1961) contributions are made by the Government.

Reference: L/3653/Add.16  
L/3655/Add.20

**IV.B. STATISTICS**

Products	Year	Exports			Total export payments	Ratio of non-assisted exports to total exports	Percentage	Ratio of total amount of export payments to assisted exports
		Total	With direct assistance	Without assistance				
Oranges - fresh ex 08.02	1968/69	4,575	-	4,575	US\$'000	901/1	100	-
	1969/70	3,244	-	3,244		100	-	3
	1970/71	4,575	-	4,575		100	-	-
	1971/72	4,769	-	4,769		100	-	-
	1972/73	5,116	-	5,116		100	-	-
Apples and pears ex 08.06	1968/69	26,960	-	26,960		100	-	-
	1969/70	30,125	-	30,125		100	-	-
	1970/71	31,687	-	31,687		100	-	-
	1971/72	26,727	-	26,727		100	-	-
	1972/73	34,844	-	34,844		100	-	-
Sultanas ex 08.04	1968/69	19,170	-	19,170		100	-	-
	1969/70	14,140	-	14,140		100	-	-
	1970/71	19,077	-	19,077		100	-	-
	1971/72	17,451	-	17,451		100	-	-
	1972/73	30,592	-	30,592		100	-	-
Apricots, raisins and currants - dried ex 08.12	1968/69	4,421	-	4,421		100	-	-
	1969/70	3,313	-	3,313		100	-	-
	1970/71	2,660	-	2,660		100	-	-
	1971/72	4,867	-	4,867		100	-	-
	1972/73	5,067	-	5,067		100	-	-
Canned fruit ex 20.06	1968/69	43,219	-	43,219		100	-	-
	1969/70	42,485	-	42,485		100	-	-
	1970/71	48,037	-	48,037		100	-	-
	1971/72	42,633	-	42,633		100	-	-
	1972/73	61,838	-	61,838		100	-	-

<sup>1/</sup>Devaluation compensation only.

<sup>2/</sup>Payment under Apple and Pear Stabilization Scheme of \$2,763,000 (in 1971) plus devaluation compensation of \$2,908,000 (in 1971).

<sup>3/</sup>Payments under stabilization schemes.

<sup>4/</sup>Devaluation compensation payments for sultanas, currants and raisins.

<sup>5/</sup>Payments under Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization Scheme of estimated \$309,000 (in 1971 calendar year) plus devaluation compensation of \$133,000 (in 1970/71) on sultanas, currants and raisins.

Products	Year	Exports			Total export payments	Ratio of non-assisted exports to total exports	Ratio of total amount of export payments to total exports	Percentage
		Total	With direct assistance	Without assistance				
Other fruits - fresh	1968/69	5,235	-	5,235	-	-	100	-
	1969/70	4,984	-	4,984	-	-	100	-
	1970/71	1,322	-	1,322	-	-	100	-
	1971/72	2,038	-	2,038	-	-	100	-
	1972/73	2,326	-	2,326	-	-	100	-
Vegetables	1968/69	4,788	-	4,788	-	-	100	-
	1969/70	7,104	-	7,104	-	-	100	-
	1970/71	3,435	-	3,435	-	-	100	-
	1971/72	4,148	-	4,148	-	-	100	-
	1972/73	3,343	-	3,343	-	-	100	-
Totals	1968/69	108,366	-	108,366	-	-	100	5
	1969/70	105,394	-	108,366	496	5,440	-	-
	1970/71	103,793	-	105,394	105,394	170	3,510	-
	1971/72	102,633	-	106,288	66,288	156	-	-
	1972/73	143,126	-	11,588	91,538	-	-	-

Products	Year	Exports			Total amount of export payments US\$'000	Ratio of non-assisted exports to total exports	Ratio of total amount of export payments to assisted exports
		Total	With direct assistance	Without assistance			
Vegetables ch. 7, ch. 20	1968/69 1969/70 1970/71	4,788 7,104 8,047	- - -	4,788 7,104 8,047	- - -	100 100 100	- - -
Total of products listed above	1968/69 1969/70 1970/71	108,366 105,394 119,885	- - 45,207	108,366 105,394 74,678	496 170 156	5,440 3,510 6,215	5 3 5

1/ Figures in this column include exports upon which devaluation compensation was paid subsequent to Sterling devaluation in 1967.

2/ Figures under "non-commercial transactions" are based on date of shipment. For this reason they may not be strictly comparable with other data which is based on date of lodgement of export entries.

V.B. STATISTICS

Products	Years	Exports			Total amount of export payments	Ratio of total amount of export payments to non-assisted total exports	Ratio of total amount of export payments to total exports	To assisted exports	Percentages
		Total	With direct assistance 1/	Without assistance					
<b>Wheat and flour</b> <b>4/</b>									
10.01	1968/69	316,092	316,092	5/	13,156	48.014	-	15	15
	1969/70	403,850	299,706	104,144	12,961	6/	26	-	-
	1970/71	509,570	291,766	121,804	13,266	32,489	43	6	11
	1971/72	507,010	318,874	188,136	15,080	68,233	37	13	21
	1972/73	369,816	356,133	13,683	18,856	52,965	4	14	15
Rye 10.02	1968/69	11	-	11	-	-	-	-	-
	1969/70	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
	1971/72	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
	1972/73	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Barley 10.03	1968/69	20,436	-	20,436	-	-	-	-	-
	1969/70	25,701	-	25,701	-	-	-	-	-
	1970/71	56,358	-	56,358	-	-	-	-	-
	1971/72	86,927	-	86,927	-	-	-	-	-
	1972/73	49,305	-	49,305	-	-	-	-	-
Oats 10.04	1968/69	14,607	-	14,607	-	-	-	-	-
	1969/70	8,466	-	8,466	-	-	-	-	-
	1970/71	26,686	-	26,686	-	-	-	-	-
	1971/72	14,528	-	14,528	-	-	-	-	-
	1972/73	6,422	-	6,422	-	-	-	-	-
Maize 10.05	1968/69	17	-	17	-	-	-	-	-
	1969/70	57	-	57	-	-	-	-	-
	1970/71	1,347	-	1,347	-	-	-	-	-
	1971/72	2,667	-	2,667	-	-	-	-	-
	1972/73	631	-	631	-	-	-	-	-

1/ The guaranteed quantity (200 million bushels) expressed as a proportion of total exports multiplied by the value of total exports.

2/ Figures under "non-commercial transactions" are based on date of shipment. For this reason they may not be strictly comparable with other data which is based on date of lodgement of export entries.

3/ Disbursements by the Commonwealth Government to the Stabilization Fund in the year in which payments were actually made.

4/ Include unmilled wheat, wholemeal flour, plain white flour, self-raising flour, wheaten sharps.

5/ In 1968/69 the volume of exports was below the guaranteed quantity hence the total value of exports is shown under "with direct assistance".

6/ No pool was finalized in this year, consequently there was no Government contribution to the stabilization fund.

Products	Years	Exports			Total amount of export payments US\$ 1000 2/	Ratio of non-assisted total exports	Ratio of total amount of export payments of export payments
		Total	With direct assistance 1/	Without assistance Non-commercial transac-tion 2/			
Sorghum and other grains 10.07	1968/69	5,347	-	5,347	-	-	100
	1969/70	5,270	-	5,270	-	100	100
	1970/71	29,021	-	29,021	-	100	100
	1971/72	58,885	-	58,885	-	100	100
	1972/73	48,626	-	48,626	-	100	100
	1968/69	40,418	-	40,418	-	100	100
	1969/70	39,498	-	39,498	-	100	100
Total coarse grains	1970/71	113,414	-	113,393	-	100	100
	1971/72	163,009	-	163,009	-	100	100
	1972/73	104,987	-	104,987	-	100	100
	1968/69	356,510	316,092	13,156	48,014	11	13
	1969/70	443,348	299,706	143,393	12,961	32	32
	1970/71	622,984	291,766	331,777	13,266	53	53
	1971/72	670,019	318,874	351,145	68,233	52	52
Total of all products	1972/73	474,803	356,133	118,670	52,965	25	25
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3/ Disbursements by the Commonwealth Government to the Stabilization Fund in the year in which payments were actually made.

## VI. SUGAR

### A. Observations

1. Under the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations the export of sugar from Australia is prohibited except with the consent of the Minister for Northern Development. This ensures retention of sufficient sugar for domestic requirements and facilitates compliance with Australia's International Sugar Trading Obligations. The Queensland Sugar Board, as the representative of the Queensland Government (which acquires all raw sugar produced) is the sole exporter of raw sugar from Australia.
2. Australia exports 335,000 long tons of sugar to the United Kingdom under the British Commonwealth Sugar Agreement at a negotiated price. Sales to Malaysia and Singapore are made within the provision of contracts for stated quantities at stated prices. The remaining export sales are made on the basis of world free market prices.
3. There is a system of rebating part of the price of the sugar content of certain manufactured products exported. The system operates under an agreement between the Australian and Queensland Governments, but the cost of the rebate is borne by the Australian sugar industry.
4. When the world free market price for sugar, expressed on a comparable basis, is less than the price for Australian sugar sold in Australia, rebates, equal to the difference between the two prices, are granted to exporters of fruit products and other approved products, according to the sugar content of the products.
5. In the year ended 30 June 1973, the sum of \$A 155,189 was paid in export rebates on approved products other than fruit products. Export rebates on fruit products amounted to \$A 853,847 in the year ended 30 June 1973.

Export rebate was paid during this period on approximately 16,400 metric tons of refined sugar. The average rate of export rebate during the period mentioned was approximately \$A 61.60 per ton.

(Statistical information on assisted exports is not available.)

Reference: L/3653/Add.16  
L/3655/Add.20