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Addendum

SWITZERLAND

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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.10.

I. GENERAL

Under the legislation concerning agriculture and that concerning alcohol, the Confederation takes measures to enable the following agricultural products to be exported: breeding and dairy cattle, dairy products, potatoes and fruit. This policy of assistance does not involve undercutting and does not cause the prices of exported Swiss products to be lower than the prices of the corresponding domestic products in the markets of the countries of destination.

References: L/3178/Add.16
L/3411/Add.1
L/3513/Add.10
L/3655/Add.16

II. BREEDING AND DAIRY CATTLE

A. Remarks

Subsidies are granted for exports of animals mainly from the mountain areas, in order to bring the prices for cattle from these areas, where production costs are higher than elsewhere, into line with those prevailing in the traditional export markets.

II. B. STATISTICAL DATA

BTN	Product	Year	Exports		Total export bonuses (including for transport costs)	Ratio of exports not receiving assistance to total exports	Ratio of total export bonuses	
			Total	Receiving direct assistance			to total exports	to exports receiving assistance
ex 01.02	Breeding and dairy cattle	1969	4,225	4,225	1,931	-	46	46
		1970	5,580	5,580	2,547	-	46	46
		1971	4,144	4,144	2,001	-	48	48
		1972	8,441	8,441	3,498	-	41	41
		1973	7,658	7,658	3,264	-	43	43

a/ Rate of exchange: 1969 and 1970: \$1 = 4.32 Sw F

1971: \$1 = 4.16 Sw F

1972: \$1 = 3.82 Sw F

1973: \$1 = 2.17 Sw F

III. DAIRY PRODUCTS

A. Remarks

1. Exports of preserved milk products consist mainly in dairy specialities for children (powdered medical milk) and sterilized milk. As the sterling price does not cover the cost of buying the milk from the producer, subsidies are necessary in order to maintain traditional exports of these products.
2. Exporters of cheese are required to orient their exports towards the markets where prices are most favourable. As it is not always possible to obtain prices that cover production costs, subsidies are granted to cover the losses resulting from these sales.

III. B. STATISTICAL DATA

BTN	Product	Year	Exports			Total export bonuses ^a	Ratio of exports not receiving assistance to total exports	Ratio of total export bonuses to total exports receiving assistance
			Total	Receiving direct assistance	Non-commercial transactions			
04.02	Preserved milk products	1969	11,281	7,623	3,658	1,030	-	14
		1970	10,385	8,052	2,333	990	-	12
		1971	9,791	6,567	3,224	1,038	-	17
		1972	10,391	6,351	4,040	1,108	-	17
		1973	10,000	5,539	4,461	1,028	-	19
04.04	Cheese	1969	66,172	65,712	460	14,077	-	21
		1970	73,434	73,100	334	11,618	-	16
		1971	79,319	79,109	210	8,694	-	11
		1972	89,345	89,118	227	15,406	-	17
		1973	115,350	114,763	582	37,455	-	32
	Total of products listed above	1969	77,453	73,335	4,118	15,107	-	21
		1970	83,819	81,152	2,667	12,608	-	16
		1971	89,110	85,676	3,434	9,782	-	11
		1972	99,736	95,469	4,267	16,514	-	17
		1973	125,350	120,307	5,043	38,483	-	32

^aThe figures do not include that share of the loss on exports which is borne by the producers.

^bRate of exchange: 1969 and 1970: \$1 = Sw Fr.32
 1971: \$1 = Sw Fr.16
 1972: \$1 = Sw Fr.82
 1973: \$1 = Sw Fr.17

IV. POTATOES

A. Remarks

Assistance is granted to allow potatoes and seed potatoes to be exported; the amount depends on the difference between the production price in Switzerland and prices in the market of the purchasing country.

IV. B. STATISTICAL DATA

SIN	Product	Year	Exports		Total export bonuses ^a	Ratio of exports not receiving assistance to total exports	Ratio of total export bonuses to total exports	Ratio of total export bonuses to exports receiving assistance
			Total	Receiving direct assistance				
in US\$'000 ^b								
ex 07.01	Potatoes and seed potatoes	1969	4,872	4,872	1,180	-	24	24
		1970	5,100	5,100	1,630	-	32	32
		1971	3,537	3,537	2,861	-	81	81
		1972	3,436	3,436	377	-	11	11
		1973	5,109	5,109	n.s.	-	n.s.	n.s.

^a Accounting years 1969/70, 1970/71 and 1971/72, 1972/73 et 1973/74

^b Date of exchange: 1969 and 1970: \$1 = Sw F4.32
1971: \$1 = Sw F4.16
1972: \$1 = Sw F3.82
1973: \$1 = Sw F3.17

V. FRUIT

A. Remarks

Subsidies may be granted on a case-by-case basis in order to safeguard exports to traditional markets.

V. B. STATISTICAL DATA

BTN	Product	Year	Exports		Total export bonuses ^a	Ratio of exports not receiving assistance to total exports	Ratio of total export bonuses	
			Total	Receiving direct assistance			to total exports	to exports receiving assistance
08.06	Pip fruit, fresh	1969	318	318	251	-	79	79
		1970	350	350	161	-	46	46
		1971	309	809	230	-	28	28
		1972	375	-	-	100	-	-
ex 08.07	Apricots	1973	466	-	-	100	-	-
		1969	249	249	55	-	22	22
		1970	90	90	11	-	12	12
		1971	615	615	161	-	26	26
ex 08.07	Cherries	1972	463	408	21	12	5	5
		1973	9	-	-	100	-	-
		1969	475	475	13	-	5	5
		1970	238	238	26	-	12	12
ex 20.07	Juice of pip fruit, concentrated or not	1971	218	218	-	100	-	-
		1972	22	-	-	100	-	-
		1973	286	-	-	100	-	-
		1969	1,939	1,939	1,402	-	72	72
	Total of products listed above	1970	2,697	2,697	1,891	-	70	70
		1971	3,834	3,834	1,947	-	51	51
		1972	1,879	59	1,947	-	0	n.s.
		1973	1,922	135	n.s.	97	15	n.s.
		1969	2,981	2,981	1,708	-	59	59
		1970	3,375	3,375	2,076	-	62	62
		1971	5,476	5,476	2,364	-	43	43
		1972	2,739	467	30	17	1	6
		1973	2,683	135	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.

^a Accounting years 1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72, 1972/73 and 1973/74^b Rate of exchange: 1969 and 1970: \$1 = Sw Fr.32

1971: \$1 = Sw Fr.16

1972: \$1 = Sw Fr.82

1973: \$1 = Sw Fr.17