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Addendum

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Explanatory Notes

1. The requirements of Czechoslovakia's expanding economy and increasing standard of living cannot be satisfied by national production alone but require an expansion of trade with countries exporting agricultural products. The share of imports in consumption has increased considerably compared with the pre-war period.
2. The measures applied to imports of agricultural products at the frontier consist of custom tariffs. Imports are not subject to quantitative restrictions, variable levies and other special charges. Quotas contained in bilateral agreements are of indicative nature and they do not constitute either limitation to imports or purchase commitments. In respect of some agricultural commodities sanitary and health regulations are applied, however they are not of a restrictive character. The transactions connected with the imports as well as the exports of agricultural products are conducted by foreign trade enterprises which are independent juridical entities enjoying legal and contractual capacity and which operate on normal commercial principles, taking into account price, quality, delivery and payment terms, etc.
3. The entire foreign trade of Czechoslovakia is carried out by Czechoslovak socialist organizations authorized by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade. They do not need import licences or exchange authorizations and are free to choose their foreign suppliers.
4. New regulations for Czechoslovakia's foreign trade are in course of preparation. They are to be published at the end of 1972 and will come into force during the first six months of 1973.
5. The European Communities have expressed an interest in BTN item 04.05, and New Zealand in items 05.04 and 15.02. The commodity descriptions are attached, together with the comments of the Czechoslovak delegation.
6. References: COM.AG/W/72/Add.26
L/3653/Add.14

<u>BTN</u>	<u>Commodity description</u>	<u>Comments</u>
34.05	Birds' eggs and egg yolks, fresh, dried or otherwise preserved, sweetened or not	Imports (millions of eggs) 1966* 1969 Total imports 64 105 of which from GATT countries (principally Austria, Denmark, F.R. Germany and the Netherlands) 77
		*In 1966 Czechoslovakia ceased to be a net exporter.
		In the opinion of the Czechoslovak authorities, State trading in this item is not restrictive and does not result in a limitation of imports from GATT countries. Imports are promoted, with due regard being given to commercial considerations, namely to price, quality, availability and transportation. GATT countries are accorded equal and non-discriminatory opportunities to compete for participation in this trade. (Applies also to 05.04 and 15.02.)
ex 05.04	Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole or pieces thereof	Imports (millions of metres) 1963 1969 Total imports 56.7 123.4 of which from approx. 36.2 96.2 20 GATT countries percentage from 20 GATT countries (56%) (77%) See item 04.05
15.02	Unrendered fats of bovine cattle, sheep or goats; tallow (including "premier jus") produced from those fats	The volume of imports of tallow has not changed in recent years. GATT countries have participated in supplying tallow to Czechoslovakia. See item 04.05.