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Inventory of Various Non-Tariff Barriers

Addendum

YUGOSLAVIA

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Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measure:	Countries indicating an interest:
Miscellaneous (See COM.AG/W/2, page 3.)	Yugoslavia	Australia United States

(a) Description:

Surcharges

On 25 April 1968, the Federal Executive Council was empowered to levy special charges on the importation of certain foodstuffs and agricultural products. Revenue from these charges is intended to go towards the improvement of the domestic agricultural markets. Remission of the charge can be granted if the product is re-exported after processing.

(b) Comments by other countries:

The United States specially mentioned the following products: double cream (ex 04.02), butter (04.03), soya oil and sunflowerseed oil (ex 15.07), other edible fats (ex 15.13), preparations of tomatoes (ex 20.02), jams and preserved fruit with sugar added (ex 20.05), fruit compotes (ex 20.06), juice of cherries, of blackberries, of raspberries, of plums and of apples, concentrated (ex 20.07), and denatured ethyl alcohol (ex 22.08).

The United States representative noted that this arrangement, which was aimed at improving domestic agricultural markets, was causing concern in connexion with exports of soya oil and other oils to Yugoslavia, and wondered whether it could involve a protective element for Yugoslav production of sunflower.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

These compensatory and exceptional charges are the result of the state of the world market. They apply to certain agricultural products which are imported at extremely low prices and which threaten to prove prejudicial to the Yugoslav producers and to upset the domestic market. Yugoslavia gave notification of them and they were considered in 1969 by the Agriculture Committee.