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REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS HELD UNDER THE
PROCEDURES OF MTN/AG/4

NEW ZEALAND

At its meeting on 20 December 1976, Group "Agriculture" agreed that delegations having participated in consultations should endeavour, in advance of the next meeting, to send to the secretariat summary notes with respect to the consultations in which they had participated. The secretariat would assemble and distribute the summaries in order to facilitate a decision concerning the further work of the Group.

In accordance with this procedure, New Zealand has sent the secretariat the following note.

Note on Consultations held between New Zealand and
the EEC in accordance with Procedures
set out in MTN/AG/4

Notifications made by New Zealand

The New Zealand notifications referred to quantitative restrictions on sheepmeats maintained by Denmark, France and the Federal Republic of Germany. The EEC delegation explained the reasons, mainly social considerations, for the continued application of the restrictions.

Notifications made by the EEC

The EEC notifications referred, in a general way, to quantitative restrictions, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, tariff levels, and export policies of New Zealand. During the consultations the EEC delegation provided lists of products in which member States had a trade interest.

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In commenting on the notifications on quantitative restrictions and tariff levels, the New Zealand delegation referred to the continuing economic difficulties experienced by New Zealand, but noted that New Zealand had expressed a willingness to negotiate in the MTN in the context of an acceptable balance of mutual advantages. On sanitary and phytosanitary measures the New Zealand delegation referred to the importance to the national economy of maintaining the health and disease-free conditions of livestock and plants, and the consequent need for the current system of sanitary and phytosanitary measures to remain in force.

The New Zealand delegation reserved its right to make further notifications to the EEC in accordance with the procedures set out in MTN/AG/4.