

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Multilateral Trade Negotiations

### Group "Agriculture"

#### Sub-Group on Dairy Products

### SUMMING-UP BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN

The following summing-up by the Acting Chairman of the Sub-Group on Dairy Products was approved by the Sub-Group at its meeting on 25 June 1975.

1. The Sub-Group on Dairy Products held its first session on 23-25 June 1975. As it was noted that discussions were still being held on the question of chairmanship, it was agreed that this session of the Sub-Group would be chaired by the secretariat. The Sub-Group invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Sub-Group as an observer.
2. The Sub-Group heard a number of statements regarding the basic approaches which could be adopted for the negotiations to be conducted in the Sub-Group with regard to dairy products. The texts of certain statements were circulated.<sup>1</sup>

### Coverage

3. The Sub-Group, while noting that it had been established by Group "Agriculture" (MTN/AG/1) to deal with dairy products, decided to deal with all dairy products but initially with products which accounted for a large share in world trade and were widely traded. To this end, the Sub-Group agreed that its work would encompass anhydrous milk fat and butter, principal cheeses, dried milk (skimmed milk powder and whole milk powder) and casein, but recognized that other dairy products could be introduced into its work at any stage.

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<sup>1</sup> New Zealand	MTN/DP/W/1
European Communities	MTN/DP/W/2
Australia	MTN/DP/W/3
Canada	MTN/DP/W/4
Argentina	MTN/DP/W/5
Finland	MTN/DP/W/6

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Future work

4. For the purpose of the negotiations, the Sub-Group agreed to carry out, in a first stage, an analysis of the specific characteristics, of the structure and the problems of world trade in dairy products, including the direct or indirect impact of trade barriers and trade distorting practices, taking into account the wide diversity and interchangeability of products derived from milk. It was agreed that the Sub-Group would aim to complete this analysis at its next meeting. Delegations were invited to submit written contributions to assist the Sub-Group in carrying out this analysis.

5. The secretariat was also asked to prepare a summary of measures affecting both import and export trade, as well as an information document on international or regional co-operation devices already existing in GATT or other bodies.

6. With a view to seeking possible multilateral solutions in this sector as decided by the Group "Agriculture", and in conformity with the Tokyo Declaration, including its paragraphs 2, 3(e), 4, 6, 8 and 10(a), the Sub-Group agreed to deal, in a second stage, with all the elements of all proposals that have been or may be made, with the objective of assessing their content and their relevance to the problems raised and to the objectives of the negotiations. In this regard the Sub-Group agreed to deal initially with:

- (a) the elements contained in certain proposals related to the objective of expansion and ever greater liberalization of world trade;
- (b) the elements contained in certain proposals related to stabilization of the conditions of trade through the improvement and the extension of already existing international co-operation devices, as well as in other approaches aimed at achieving stable and secure trading conditions;
- (c) the elements contained in certain proposals related to improved conditions of competition in international markets;
- (d) the elements contained in certain proposals related to the special and differentiated treatment which is to be given to developing countries;
- (e) the elements contained in certain proposals related to forms of international co-operation and its instruments.

Next meeting

7. The date of the next meeting of the Sub-Group will be fixed in consultation with delegations.