

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

Committee on Trade in AgricultureINFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE
SUBMITTED BY THE EECNote by the Secretariat

1. This note has been prepared by the secretariat in order to facilitate the organization of the discussion in the Committee, notably with respect to Exercise A, as it was suggested by the Chairman at the meeting in June 1983 (AG/M/2, para. 23). It provides a summary of the information on measures affecting trade submitted by the EEC in document AG/FOR/EEC/1.
2. The information covers all products falling within CCCN Chapters 1 to 24. No other products are listed.

Measures affecting export

3. The EEC has notified the following types of measures as affecting export. In column 2 (subsidies) the EEC has indicated price supports, export restitutions, intervention regimes, tied aids, and equalization systems. In column 7 (other) the EEC has indicated certificates, currency regulations, minimum prices and an agreement on joint disciplines.
4. The measures indicated in column 2 affect the following number of CCCN tariff lines: price supports (12 CCCN lines at four-digit level and 15 CCCN lines partially), export restitutions (9 CCCN lines and 52 partial lines), intervention regimes (8 CCCN lines and 18 partial lines), tied aids (1 CCCN line and 26 partial lines), and equalization systems (1 CCCN line and 2 partial lines).
5. In an explanatory note, the EEC has stated that, what is indicated in column 2 are "all measures the EEC has notified under Article XVI, it being understood that this in no way prejudices the question whether or not those measures are to be considered as subsidies". As regard these measures indicated in column 2 of the format, the EEC has made reference to Article XVI and classified them under (a) "measures taken by virtue of provisions with special references to agriculture in the General Agreement".
6. The measures indicated by the EEC in column 7 affect the following number of CCCN lines: certificates^{1/} (45 CCCN lines at four-digit level and 3 CCCN lines partially), currency regulations (19 CCCN lines and 20 partial lines), minimum prices (1 CCCN line and 2 partial lines), and an

^{1/} Columns 7 and 14 relating to CCCN heading 12.06 in AG/FOR/EEC/1 contain a typing error: "C" should be indicated and not "I".

agreement on joint disciplines (1 CCCN line). The EEC considers the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures to be relevant to certificates and has classified these measures under (f) "other measures". The EEC has classified currency regulations under (f) as well (no reference to a GATT provision is given for these measures). Minimum prices are notified in connection with the International Dairy Agreement. Article XX is referred to and the measures are classified under (a). The agreement on joint disciplines is classified under (f) (no reference to a GATT provision is given).

Measures affecting import

(i) Tariffs

7. 64 CCCN lines (at four-digit level) are fully bound and 67 lines are partially bound. As regards items fully bound, the EEC has indicated Article II as relevant and has indicated the classification (f). As regards partial bindings the EEC has indicated Article XXIV and Article II as relevant and indicated respectively the classifications (d) "measures resulting from particular interpretations of certain provisions of the General Agreement" and (f). As regards the 33 CCCN lines which are not bound at all, GATT Article XXIV and classification (d) are indicated except in two instances (CCCN headings 12.04 and 22.04) where (f) is also indicated (17 of these lines are not subject to any duty but only to an import levy which is discussed below). The EEC has notified that a mixed duty is applicable on 27 CCCN lines, a tariff quota on 4 CCCN lines and 3 partial lines, and a tariff suspension on 2 partial lines (ex CCCN headings 02.01 and 07.06 for which voluntary restraint agreements are also in effect. A reference to Article XXVIII is made on the latter item. See paragraph 15).

8. The EEC has notified that it applies the Generalized System of Preferences on 19 CCCN lines and 72 partial lines. The EEC considers the Enabling Clause relevant in this respect and has classified the GSP measures under (f).

9. The EEC has notified that it applies tariff preferences other than the GSP on 29 CCCN lines and 94 partial lines (other preferences in respect of import measures other than tariffs are described below). The EEC considers Article XXIV to be relevant to these other preferences and has classified them under (d).

(ii) Other measures

10. The EEC has notified as other measures affecting import in column 9 (levies and other charges): import levies, supplementary amounts, preferences with respect to levies or other charges, compensatory charges, variable components, additional duties on flour, additional duties on sugar.

11. Import levies are applied on 18 CCCN tariff lines and 26 partial lines, supplementary amounts on 2 CCCN lines and 2 partial lines, preferences with respect to levies or other charges on 3 CCCN lines and 12 partial lines, compensatory charges on 5 partial lines, variable components on 4 CCCN lines and 8 partial lines, an additional duty on flour on one partial line, and additional duties on sugar on 10 partial

lines. The EEC considers Article XXIV and classification (d) to be relevant to these measures^{1/}, with the following exceptions. As regards import levies on CCCN heading 04.04 classification (f) is indicated, and on CCCN heading 12.04 classifications (d) and (f) are indicated. As regards a compensatory charge applicable to CCCN heading 08.04, Article XIX and classification (f) are indicated.

12. The EEC has notified in column 10 import restrictions affecting 25 partial CCCN lines, and a seasonal restriction on one partial line. These measures are classified under (c) "measures resulting from the lack of observance or application of certain provisions of the General Agreement". No reference to any specific GATT provision is made. Additionally in this column the EEC has notified one bilateral quota/preference (CCCN heading 04.03) and has indicated Article XXIV and classifications (d) and (f) as relevant.

13. The EEC has notified in column 11 a sanitary regulation on one partial CCCN line and refers to Article XX and classification (a).

14. Finally, the EEC has notified in column 14, an other form of import control, certificates, currency regulations, an agreement on joint disciplines, and voluntary restraint agreements.

15. The other form of import control applies to one CCCN line and classification (f) is indicated (no reference to any specific GATT provision is made). Certificates apply to 47 CCCN lines and 3 partial lines. The EEC considers the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures to be relevant to this type of measure and has classified certificates under (f). Currency regulations are applicable on 17 CCCN lines and 21 partial lines. The EEC has classified this type of measure under (f) (no reference to any specific GATT provision is made). The agreement on joint disciplines, applying to one CCCN line is also classified under (f) (with no reference to any GATT provision). Voluntary restraint agreements have been notified for two partial lines. In both instances (ex CCCN headings 02.01 and 07.06) this measure is classified under (e) "measures not explicitly provided for in the General Agreement"; however, a reference is made to Article XXVIII in the latter for which a tariff suspension and tariff quota are in effect.

^{1/} In certain cases, for example CCCN heading 17.04, some of the measures that appear in column 9 are placed on the same horizontal line as the inscription for full or partial bindings in column 8. In addition to Article XXIV and classification (d) appearing in column 16, Article II and classification (f) are indicated as well. The secretariat has assumed that Article II and classification (f) refer to the binding whether full or partial, whereas Article XXIV and classification (d) refer to that portion of the tariff line which is not bound and/or to those levies or charges indicated in column 9.

Summary^{1/}

16. The EEC has classified under (a) seven types of measures (price supports, export restitutions, intervention regimes, tied aids, equalization systems, minimum prices, and sanitary regulation) affecting 68 CCCN tariff lines wholly or partially. The EEC has classified no measures under (b). Two types of measures (import restrictions and seasonal restrictions) affecting 25 CCCN lines partially have been classified by the EEC under (c). The EEC has classified under (d) eight types of measures (tariffs not bound, preferences other than GSP; import levies, supplementary amounts, compensatory charges, variable components, additional duties on flour, additional duties on sugar) affecting 152 CCCN lines wholly or partially. The EEC has classified one type of measure (voluntary restraint agreement) affecting 2 CCCN lines partially under (e). The EEC has classified under (f) seven types of measures (certificates, currency regulations, agreement on joint disciplines, bound tariffs, GSP preferences, certain import levies and certain compensatory charges) affecting 158 CCCN lines wholly or partially.

^{1/} Not all the types of measures indicated for a particular classification apply to all the CCCN lines cited but sometimes some of the measures apply to the same tariff lines.