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International Dairy Arrangement

COMMITTEE OF THE PROTOCOL REGARDING
CERTAIN MILK POWDERS

SECOND SESSION

Report

Introduction

1. The Committee of the Protocol Regarding Certain Milk Powders held its second session on 30 June 1980.

Adoption of the agenda

2. The Committee had before it airgram GATT/AIR/1644, proposing the following draft agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of report on the first session.
3. Information required by the Committee:
 - (a) Replies to Questionnaire 1.
 - (b) Summary tables.
 - (c) Other information.
4. Review of the market situation for products covered by the Protocol.
5. Adoption of report to the Council.
6. Other business.

3. The representative of the EEC felt that confidential information would be exchanged during the consideration of item 4 proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/1644. Consequently, his delegation proposed that a special session should be held to deliberate on that item. In the opinion of his delegation, participation in the special session should be limited to the signatories of the Arrangement.

4. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/1644. It was understood that item 4 would be discussed in special restricted session, in accordance with Rule 13 of the rules of procedure.

5. The Committee agreed that without prejudice to the relevant rules in the rules of procedure:

- (a) Non-signatory countries might participate in meetings of the various Committees of the Protocols and, in particular, in discussions concerning the review of the market situation for products covered by the protocols on a non-discriminatory basis, provided they fulfilled the conditions mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) hereunder.
- (b) Admission of non-signatory countries to meetings of the Committees mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) would be conditional on their manifesting their interest in effective participation, in particular by furnishing replies to the questionnaire.
- (c) It was understood that the signatories might decide to meet solely among themselves whenever they deemed necessary.

Adoption of report on the first session

6. The Committee adopted the report on its first session. The report will be circulated as document DPC/P/1.

Information required by the Committee

(a) Replies to Questionnaire 1

7. The Committee reviewed the replies to Questionnaire 1 and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the first quarter of 1980 to do so without delay. In addition, it was pointed out that the replies to Questionnaire 1 relating to the second quarter of 1980 should reach the secretariat not later than 15 September 1980.

(b) Summary tables

8. The Committee was informed that in accordance with Rule 28 of the rules of procedure, the secretariat had prepared, after the Committee's first session, summary tables incorporating the data provided in Table A of Questionnaire 1 in respect of skimmed milk powder and whole milk powder. The Committee had before it a document containing revised summary tables (DPC/P/W/1/Rev.1). The Committee took note of that document.

9. The Committee was also informed that before the Council's next session the secretariat would update the document it had prepared on the market situation for dairy products. The Council had agreed at its last session that that document could be given fairly broad distribution in the course of October. To make it easier to read and clearer, the Committee had authorized the secretariat to annex the summary tables to that revised document on the market situation.

(c) Other information

10. No other information was requested.

Review of the market situation for products covered by the Protocol

11. This agenda item was discussed in special restricted session.

Adoption of report to the Council

12. In accordance with Article IV:2(a) of the Arrangement and Rule 22 of the rules of procedure, the Committee adopted the report it was to make to the Council. That report on work of the second session will be distributed as document DPC/P/2.

Other business

Date of the next session

13. The Committee decided to hold its next session on 24 September 1980, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.