

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## INTERNATIONAL MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP

### Revised Questionnaire

1. Attached is a revision of the Group's questionnaire as amended at the Group's tenth meeting on 27 April 1978. The following points may be noted with respect to this questionnaire:

#### General

2. In drawing up the questionnaire it has been assumed that the format in which data is ultimately collated and presented would not necessarily follow the format adopted for its collection. For example "bovine meat balances" for individual countries, if such analysis were required, would be derived from the information to be supplied in response to the questionnaire, including in particular information relating to the "dressed carcass weight equivalent" of various elements of production and trade.

3. Throughout the tables "dressed carcass weight" as opposed to "carcass weight" has been used as the common basis or common denominator for expressing quantities. The former excludes and the latter includes "slaughter fats" and "kidney knot" as opposed to "graisse de découpe" which are sold with the meat and are included in both weight bases. Participants are requested to specify the basis and the coefficients used to arrive at a "dressed carcass weight equivalent".

#### Part A. Bovine cattle numbers and herd structure

4. The census date for the information requested has been changed to January for northern hemisphere countries and June for southern hemisphere countries or the closest census date thereto in either case. It is recognized that a complete separation of beef and dairy herds is not feasible in some countries, but at the same time, it is felt that this detailed information and its changes over time can be strongly indicative of future production patterns in countries for which such information is available.

Part B. Slaughter rates and production, stocks and consumption of bovine meat

5. In Table B.1 the livestock classes have been changed to "Cows and Heifers", "Adult Male Cattle" and "Calves".

Part E. Notification of policy changes

Part E has been added so that participants may indicate recent changes in their policies affecting trade in bovine meat, including tariffs and non-tariff measures such as quotas, licensing and health and sanitary regulations. For the first such notification by each participant, it is suggested that all policy changes from the situation described in document MTN/ME/W/8/Rev.3 of 5 October 1977 be included.

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PART A

Table A.1 Bovine Cattle Numbers and Herd Structure

( '000 head)

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	Forecast	
						1978	1979 <sup>2/</sup>
As at January for northern hemisphere countries and June for southern hemisphere countries (or closest <sup>1/</sup> census date thereto)							
Total cattle and calves							
Bulls <sup>3/</sup>							
Dairy cows <sup>3/</sup>							
Dairy heifers <sup>3/</sup>							
Beef cows <sup>3/</sup>							
Beef heifers <sup>3/</sup>							
Steers <sup>3/</sup>							
Calves <sup>3/</sup>							

<sup>1/</sup> Such date to be specified

<sup>2/</sup> If available

<sup>3/</sup> Reporting country to provide explanatory note on how it defines these classes of stock if different from the following: dairy cows - female stock aged two years or more and kept mainly for milk purposes; dairy heifers - female stock aged one to two years being raised mainly for milk purposes; beef cows - female stock aged two years or more and kept mainly for beef purposes; beef heifers - female stock aged one to two years being kept mainly for beef purposes; calves - all cattle aged less than one year.

PART B

Slaughter Rates and Production, Stocks and Consumption of Bovine Meat

Table B.1 Inspected and Total Slaughtering and Average Dressed Carcass Weights (Av.D.C.W.)

	('000 head)									
	Cows and Heifers <sup>1/</sup>		Adult Male Cattle		Calves <sup>1/</sup>		Total cattle and calves			
	Inspected <sup>2/</sup>	Total	Inspected <sup>2/</sup>	Total	Inspected <sup>2/</sup>	Total	Inspected <sup>2/</sup>	Total	Inspected <sup>2/</sup>	Total
Av. D. C. W. (kg.)		Av. D. C. W. (kg.)		Av. D. C. W. (kg.)		Av. D. C. W. (kg.)		Av. D. C. W. (kg.)		
1974										
1975										
1976										
<u>1977</u>										
I										
II										
III										
IV										
Total										
<u>1978</u>										
I										
II										
III										
IV										
Total										

<sup>1/</sup> Reporting country to provide explanatory note on how it defines these classes of stock if different than stated in footnote 3/ of table A.1.  
<sup>2/</sup> Where up-to-date information is only available for "inspected" slaughtering (or on some other basis), reporting country to indicate estimated ratio of slaughtering as reported to total slaughtering.

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Slaughter Rates, Production, Stocks and Consumption of Bovine Meat

Table B.2 Total Production of Bovine Meat<sup>1/</sup>

	('000 metric tons, dressed carcass weight)									
	A. Production from slaughter of indigenous animals			B. Production from slaughter of imported animals			Total meat production from slaughtered animals (A + B)			Total
	Beef	Veal	Total	Beef	Veal	Total	Beef	Veal	Total	
1974										
1975										
1976										
<u>1977</u>										
I										
II										
III										
IV										
TOTAL										
<u>1978</u>										
I										
II										
III										
IV										
TOTAL										
<u>FORECAST</u>										
1978										
1979										

<sup>1/</sup> Where information is supplied on a basis other than "total meat production" (e.g. inspected, controlled or commercial production), reporting country to specify such basis and the estimated ratio of

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Slaughter Rates and Production, Stocks and Consumption of Bovine Meat

Table B.3 Private and Public Stocks of Bovine Meat

('000 metric tons, dressed carcass weight)

A. Private stocks of bovine meat (at wholesale level)					
B. Stocks held by or for regulatory or marketing authorities					
	Beef		Veal		Total
	A.	B.	A.	B.	
1974					
1975					
1976					
<u>1977</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
TOTAL					
<u>1978</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
TOTAL					

PART B

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Table B.4 Consumption of Bovine Meat

	Total consumption of bovine meat thousand metric tons, dressed carcass weight	Per. caput consumption (kg.)
1974		
1975		
1976		
<u>1977</u>		
I		
II		
III		
IV		
TOTAL		
<u>1978</u>		
I		
II		
III		
IV		
TOTAL		



PART C

Trade: Imports

Table C.1.1 Imports of Cattle, Beef and Veal by Volume

('000 head or '000 metric tons, dressed carcass weight equivalent)

	Live Cattle <sup>1/</sup>		Beef and Veal			Total Beef and Veal	Total Cattle, Beef and Veal
	Number ('000 head)	Weight <sup>2/</sup>	Fresh and Chilled <sup>2/</sup>	Frozen <sup>2/</sup>	Other (canned, cooked etc.) <sup>2/</sup>		
<u>1974</u>	I.						
	II.						
	III.						
	IV.						
	TOTAL						
<u>1975</u>	I.						
	II.						
	III.						
	IV.						
	TOTAL						
<u>1976</u>	I.						
	II.						
	III.						
	IV.						
	TOTAL						
<u>1977</u>	I.						
	II.						
	III.						
	IV.						
	TOTAL						
<u>1978</u>	I.						
	II.						
	III.						
	IV.						
	TOTAL						
FORECAST							
1978							
1979							

<sup>1/</sup> Excluding cattle imported for breeding purposes

<sup>2/</sup> Where information is supplied on a basis other than "dressed carcass weight equivalent" the reporting country should specify the basis used and the estimated conversion factor.

PART C

Trade: Imports

Table C.1.2 Imports of Cattle, Beef and Veal by Value (c.i.f.)

(US\$'000)

	A	B	C	D	E
	Cattle <sup>1/</sup>	Beef and Veal <sup>2/</sup>	Total (A+B)	Total value (cif) merchandise imports	Ratio C/D
<u>1974</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total					
<u>1975</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total					
<u>1976</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total					
<u>1977</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total					
<u>1978</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total					

<sup>1/</sup> Excluding cattle imported for breeding purposes.

<sup>2/</sup> Fresh, chilled, frozen and other (canned, cooked, etc.).

Trade: Imports

Table C.2.1 Imports of Cattle<sup>1</sup> by Country of Origin, Quantity ("Q" = '000 Head) and Value ("V" = US\$'000 c.i.f.)

	1974		1975		1976		1977				1978				Total 1978	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	Q	V
TOTAL IMPORTS																
of which From:																
(1) (Country)																
(2) .....																
(3) .....																
(4) .....																
(5) .....																
(6) .....																
(7) .....																
(8) .....																
(9) .....																
(10) OTHERS																

<sup>1</sup>Excluding cattle imported for breeding purposes.







PART C

Trade: Exports

Table C.3.1 Exports of Cattle, Beef and Veal by Volume

( '000 head or '000 metric tons, dressed carcass weight equivalent)

	Live Cattle <sup>1/</sup>		Beef and Veal			Total Beef and Veal	Total Cattle, Beef and Veal
	Number ('000 head)	Weight <sup>2/</sup>	Fresh and Chilled <sup>2/</sup>	Frozen <sup>2/</sup>	Other (canned, cooked etc.) <sup>2/</sup>		
1974	I. II. III. IV. TOTAL						
1975	I. II. III. IV. TOTAL						
1976	I. II. III. IV. TOTAL						
1977	I. II. III. IV. TOTAL						
1978	I. II. III. IV. TOTAL						
FORECAST							
1978							
1979							

<sup>1/</sup> Excluding cattle imported for breeding purposes

<sup>2/</sup> Where information is supplied on a basis other than "dressed carcass weight equivalent" the reporting country should specify the basis used and the estimated conversion factor.

PART C

Trade: Exports

Table C.3.2 Exports of Cattle, Beef and Veal by Value (F.o.b.)

					(US\$'000)
	A	B	C	D	E
	Cattle <sup>1/</sup>	Beef and Veal <sup>2/</sup>	Total (A and B)	Total value (f.o.b.) merchandise exports	Ratio C/D
<u>1974</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total					
<u>1975</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total					
<u>1976</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total					
<u>1977</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total					
<u>1978</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total					

<sup>1/</sup> Excluding cattle exported for breeding purposes.

<sup>2/</sup> Fresh, chilled, frozen and other (canned, cooked, etc.).



PART C

Trade: Exports

Table C.4.1 Exports of Cattle<sup>1/</sup> by Country of Destination, Quantity ("Q" = '000 Head) and Value ("V" = US\$ '000 f.o.b.)

	1974		1975		1976		1977				1978				Total 1978				
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	I	II	III	IV	Q	V	I	II	III	IV	Q	V	
																			Total 1977
Total exports																			
of which To:																			
(1) (Country)																			
(2) .....																			
(3) .....																			
(4) .....																			
(5) .....																			
(6) .....																			
(7) .....																			
(8) .....																			
(9) .....																			
(10) OTHERS																			

<sup>1/</sup> Excluding cattle exported for breeding purposes.







PART D

Prices

Table D.1 Beef Prices

(US\$ per 100 kgs)

Year	Average minimum price if any, guaranteed to the producer <sup>1/</sup>	Average price received by producers <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	Average Wholesale Prices <sup>1/</sup>		Average Retail Price for Beef <sup>1/</sup>	Average or Representative Import Prices (c.i.f) <sup>1/</sup>	Average Retail Price for Major Competing Meat <sup>3/</sup>	Real Per Capita Disposable Income	Consumer Price Index	Average or Representative Export Price f.o.b.) <sup>1/</sup>
			Manufacturing Grade	Table Grade						
1974										
1975										
1976										
1977										
I										
II										
III										
IV										
1977 Average										
1978										
I										
II										
III										
IV										
1978 Average										

<sup>1/</sup> Basis to be specified

<sup>2/</sup> If this price differs from the actual market price the reasons for the variation should be specified (e.g. deficiency payment, taxes etc.)

<sup>3/</sup> Type of meat and basis to be specified

Part E. Notification of Policy Changes<sup>1/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup>Participants are requested to provide a description of recent changes in their policies affecting trade in bovine meat, including tariffs and non-tariff measures such as quotas, licensing and health and sanitary regulations. For the first such notification by each participant, it is suggested that all policy changes from the situation described in GATT document MTN/ME/W/8/Rev.3 of 5 October 1977 be included.