

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COMMITTEE ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES

Meetings of 21-22, 28-29 April and 18-19 May 1983

1. The Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures met on 21-22, 28-29 April and 18-19 May 1983. It re-elected Mr. M. Ikeda (Japan) as Chairman and elected Mr. D. Greenfield (New Zealand) as Vice-Chairman.
2. The Committee proceeded with the examination of individual notifications under Article XVI:1 at a special meeting held on 21 April 1983. It noted that of twenty-one Signatories seventeen have submitted their notifications but considered that further improvements, both quantitative and qualitative should be made. The Committee agreed to continue to examine the question of notifications with a view to working out a satisfactory solution.
3. The Committee discussed the report submitted by the Panel on EEC subsidies on exports of wheat flour (SCM/42) and agreed to continue its consideration at a special meeting of 9-10 June 1983.
4. The Committee examined the national legislation of Australia (SCM/1/Add.18 and Suppl.1). Signatories were invited to submit written questions on particular aspects of this legislation and the Committee will continue its discussion at the October 1983 meeting.
5. The Committee examined the semi-annual reports of countervailing duty actions taken in the period 1 July-31 December 1982 (SCM/39 and addenda). The following Signatories had notified the Committee that they had not taken any countervailing duty action in the reporting period: Austria, Brazil, Egypt, Finland, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia (SCM/39/Add.1). Countervailing duty actions have been notified by the EEC (SCM/39/Add.2), Canada (SCM/39/Add.3), the United States (SCM/39/Add.4), Australia (SCM/39/Add.5) and Chile (SCM/39/Add.6). No report has been received from Uruguay.
6. The Committee examined and adopted its report to the Council, prepared in pursuance of the Council decision taken at its meeting of 20 April 1983 (C/M/167, page 8). This report has been circulated in document L/5496.
7. In accordance with paragraph 26 of this report the Committee requested the Chairman to invite those contracting parties which have not yet adhered to the Agreement to discuss with the Committee any obstacles that might exist to their adhering to the Agreement. In order to facilitate this discussion the Chairman hereby requests interested contracting parties to address to him, in writing and before the summer recess, any comments and suggestions they may have in this respect.