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International Dairy Arrangement

COMMITTEE OF THE PROTOCOL REGARDING CERTAIN CHEESES

Report to the International Dairy Products Council

1. Under Article VII:2(a) of the Arrangement and in accordance with Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee has prepared the present report on its sixteenth session.
2. The Committee held its sixteenth session on 15 December 1983.
3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/1969. It also adopted the report on its fifteenth session.
4. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the third quarter of 1983 to do so without delay. The Committee took note of the summary tables prepared by the secretariat.
5. An exchange of information and views took place in the Committee concerning the market situation for products covered by the Protocol. Among the salient points characterizing the current market situation, the Committee noted that prices of Cheddar cheese had weakened somewhat. Competition continued keen on certain markets and the situation remained serious, in particular because of the level of stocks.
6. The Committee took note of the New Zealand notification regarding sales under Article 7:2 of the Protocol and took cognizance of operations carried out under that head. It also noted that Australia had given advance notice of its intention to invoke the provisions of that paragraph and took cognizance of information communicated regarding the relevant sale. In addition, the Polish delegation reported two sales of cheese intended for processing at prices below the minimum price. The Committee underlined that any intention to invoke the provisions of Article 7:2 of the Protocol should be notified in advance.
7. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively from 26 to 28 March 1984, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.