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JAPAN

Addendum

In response to a reverse notification by the Government of the Philippines regarding the import quotas on canned pineapples (CCCN 20.06), the Government of Japan has requested that the sub-paragraph (c) "Comments by country maintaining the measures" on pages 26 and 27 in document AG/DOC/2/JPN/2 may be replaced by the text attached hereto.

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(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures

A.1 The correct figures of import quotas on canned pineapple are as follows:

<u>Canned Pineapple (millions of cases)</u>				
Fiscal year	1973	1974	1981	1982
	1.4	1.05	0.8	0.9

2. The import quota allocations are not made on a first-come first-served basis, but made on the basis of the actual import record of the previous year.

3. To decide the import quota amount, the demand-supply situation (for example, production in Okinawa, domestic consumption) must be fully taken into account. Therefore, it is technically very difficult to publish the import quota amount before the quota period begins. The Japanese Government is now making every effort for the earliest possible quota publication. As an import quota is valid for ten months after it is allocated to the importer, the timing of the publication does not adversely affect the exporting countries.

B.1 The total domestic production decreased from 1.99 million cases in 1973 to 1.11 million cases in 1981 (i.e. the rate of decrease was 44.2 per cent). On the other hand, the total import quota amount decreased from 1.40 million cases¹ to 0.8 million cases¹ during the same period (i.e. the rate of decrease was 42.9 per cent). The decrease in the domestic production was greater than that of the import quota amount.

2. The Government of Japan is making efforts to expand the import quota amount as is shown by the Decision of the Ministerial Conference for Economic Measures (held on 13 January 1983), regarding the allocation of more than 0.8 million cases for the three years following FY 1982. Based on this Decision, in 1982, the annual quota of 0.9 million cases was established.

¹ The import quota of 1.4 million cases mentioned in the Philippines notification was the figure for 1973 (not the figure for 1974) and as mentioned above in A.1, the correct figure for the import quota for FY 1981 was 0.8 million cases, (not 0.6 million cases).