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## DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

### Note by Norway

At its meeting of 27 July 1977, Group "Agriculture" agreed that for the purpose of the negotiations, agricultural products shall in general be deemed to be the products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 inclusive of the CCCN. Participants may indicate to the secretariat, for the information of all other participants, any differences between this definition and their own. While it was understood that this may be done at any stage in the negotiations, it was considered desirable that any such differences be indicated as early as possible (MTN/AG/7, Annex, paragraph 3).

In accordance with this procedure, Norway has presented the following note.

I have the honour to refer to document MTN/AG/7 dated 28 July 1977 and in particular to paragraph 3 of the decision by Group "Agriculture", which forms an annex to that document. According to this paragraph participants in the MTN may indicate to the secretariat, for the information of all other participants, any differences between the definition of agricultural products given in the paragraph and their own. In the view of the Norwegian Government fish, marine mammals and products thereof should, for the purpose of the MTN, not be regarded as agricultural products and not be dealt with under the same procedure.

Fish, marine mammals and products thereof form a group having its own characteristics. This product group should comprise the following positions in the CCCN:

ex 02.04	Whale meat
Chapter 3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs
ex 05.15	Other products not elsewhere specified of fish and marine mammals
15.04	Fats and oils, of fish and marine mammals, whether or not refined

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- ex 15.10 Fatty acids of fish and marine mammals
- ex 15.12 Oils and fats of fish and marine mammals, hydrogenized
- ex 15.17 Residues of fish and marine mammals
- 16.04 Prepared or preserved fish, including caviar and caviar substitutes
- 16.05 Crustaceans and molluscs prepared or preserved
- ex 21.05 Fish soup (with approximately 25 per cent fish)
- ex 23.01 Flours and meals of fish, crustaceans or molluscs

The Norwegian Government is of the opinion that the products group specified above should be subject to the same tariff reduction plan as industrial products.

The Norwegian Government will nevertheless and without prejudice to its position on this question submit requests concerning this product group under the procedure adopted for agricultural products.

The definition of agricultural products should on the other hand comprise the following positions in Chapter 35 of the CCCN:

- 35.01 Casein, caseinates and other casein derivatives, casein glues
- 35.02 Albumins, albuminates and other albumin derivatives
- 35.05 Doxtrin and doxtrin glues, soluble or roasted starches, starch glues