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Group "Agriculture"

Sub-Group on Dairy Products

MEETING OF JULY 1976

Note by the Chairman

At the end of the meeting the Chairman on his own responsibility summed-up as follows:

1. The Sub-Group on Dairy Products held its fourth session on 12-14 July. The Sub-Group invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Sub-Group as an observer.
2. It having been agreed that it would be open to the Sub-Group to revert to the analysis which was regarded as having been effectively completed at the meeting in February (MTN/DP/3, paragraph 3), the Sub-Group carried out a multilateral examination and analysis of all the measures maintained in the dairy sector by Poland on the basis of document MTN/DP/W/9/Rev.1 and of the information supplied in the course of discussion.
3. It was agreed that the secretariat Summary of Export and Import Measures (MTN/DP/W/9/Rev.1) be further revised to take account of points emerging from the analysis, and of the information and comments which delegations were invited to submit, or which delegations had undertaken to submit, in order to complete the summary.
4. In this context, the Sub-Group examined the suggestion relating to the information which the members of the Sub-Group had been invited to provide on their import and/or export régimes in respect of cheese (MTN/DP/W/21). It noted that in response to this suggestion information had been communicated by certain delegations (MTN/DP/W/22 and its Addenda). Several members of the Sub-Group indicated that they were ready to send such information or, ¹ to complete information contained in the summary of export and import measures.

¹As of this date, information has been supplied by the following delegations: Austria, Canada, European Communities, New Zealand and Switzerland. Some delegations stated that they were ready to supply this information provided it should be comprehensive and also include information on other dairy products and on ad valorem equivalent of variable levies.

5. In accordance with the agreement reached at its previous meeting (MTN/DP/3, paragraph 4) the Sub-Group proceeded to an examination of various elements contained in proposals made with regard to the categories of topics identified at the first meeting (MTN/DP/1, paragraph 6). In particular, it discussed means of improving and extending the devices of the existing international agreements or arrangements and, concurrently, import and export régimes, notably duties, non-tariff measures and export aids.

6. It was agreed to continue these discussions at the next meeting. To facilitate discussion, members of the Sub-Group were invited to communicate in writing their views on the deficiencies in existing international arrangements or agreements in the dairy sector, as well as any views on means of improving or completing them and, concurrently, on the means of liberalizing import and export régimes. The Sub-Group noted the wish of some delegations that the next meeting should, inter alia, focus on the problems relating to cheese.

7. It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be set by the Chairman in consultation with delegations.

8. It was agreed that the Chairman should make an oral report to Group "Agriculture" should that Group meet prior to the next session of the Sub-Group.