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UNDERTAKINGS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 15 OF
THE MID-TERM REVIEW DECISION ON AGRICULTURE

Notification from Norway

The Norwegian Government has established a broadly-based committee to review all aspects of our agricultural policies. The Committee is to present its recommendations by the end of 1990. A special committee, under the Ministry of Agriculture, will review the present import régime, for agricultural products, in the light of ongoing international trade negotiations.

In connection with the negotiations for long-term strengthened and more operationally effective GATT rules and disciplines, the Government intends in 1990 to review the import protection for the greenhouse sector with a view to liberalization.

The Government of Norway wishes to convey to the Negotiating Group the following undertakings in accordance with the commitment made in paragraph 15 of the Mid-Term Review text to reduce support and protection levels for 1990. Appropriate credits for these undertakings will be required in the further negotiations.

1. Decoupling of support measures

In the agricultural agreement for 1989-90 a reallocation of resources is made. Funds previously allocated to coarse grains on an output basis and part of the price support for milk are decoupled and will, from 1990, be distributed as area/cultural landscape support.

2. Support to exported quantities

Under the 1990-91 agricultural agreement effective from 1 July 1990, it is the intention of the Government to reduce the support for products marketed outside Norway, i.e. for exports. This entails a reduction in support levels which directly affect trade.