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COMMITTEE OF THE PROTOCOL REGARDING CERTAIN CHEESES

Report to the International Dairy Products Council

1. In pursuance of Article VII:2(a) of the Arrangement and Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee has prepared the present report on its twentieth session.
2. The Committee held its twentieth session on 17 December 1984.
3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/2085 and adopted the report on its nineteenth session.
4. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the third quarter of 1984 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 regarding the market situation for products covered by the Protocol. The Committee noted inter alia that production and exports of cheese had been rising in 1984 and that at the end of the year aggregate stocks were likely to be below their level at the beginning of the year. International prices of Cheddar cheese had remained relatively stable in the third quarter of 1984.
6. With respect to the question of observance of minimum prices in tenders requiring quotations other than in United States dollars, the Committee noted that no cases of that kind had been reported.
7. The Committee took note of supplementary information furnished by Australia regarding operations under Article VII:2 of the Protocol.
8. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively from 25 to 27 March 1985, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.