

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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TARIFFS AND TRADE

Special Distribution

International Dairy Arrangement

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 adopted the present report on its thirty-fourth session, held on 20, 21 and 22 June 1988.
2. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/2604, as well as the report on its thirty-third session (DPC/C/51).
3. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the first quarter of 1988 to do so without delay. The Committee took note of the summary tables prepared by the secretariat.
4. The Committee took note of the information furnished by Australia and New Zealand regarding operations under Article 7:2 of the Protocol and also of the register of sales made under that provision (DPC/C/W/27/Rev.7). Certain participants expressed concern with regard to the use of this derogation by Australia and invited Australia to provide further details as required.
5. Members of the Committee exchanged information and views regarding the market situation for products covered by the Protocol. The Committee noted that international prices of Cheddar cheese had been between US\$1,400 and US\$1,800 per ton f.o.b. during the second quarter of 1988, and the market was expected to remain firm.
6. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively on 19 and 20 September 1988, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.