

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP

1. AS AGREED IN CONSULTATION WITH PARTICIPANTS THE INTERNATIONAL MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL HOLD ITS FIFTH MEETING ON 1 AND 2 JULY 1976 AND NOT AS TENTATIVELY AGREED AT ITS FEBRUARY MEETING ON 24 AND 25 JUNE. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, 15 RUE VAREMBE, AND WILL START AT 10.30 A.M.
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS THE GROUP WILL CONSULT ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS AND FORESEEABLE TRENDS BASING ITSELF ON SUBMISSIONS AND INFORMATION SUPPLIED OR TO BE SUPPLIED BY PARTICIPANTS. IN THIS CONNEXION IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO EMPLOY THEIR BEST ENDEAVOURS TO SUBMIT REPLIES TO THE MODEL QUESTIONNAIRE, TOGETHER WITH REPLIES RELATING TO THE MOST RECENT QUARTER FOR WHICH DATA OR ESTIMATES ARE AVAILABLE. PARTICIPANTS ARE ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO SUBMIT REPLIES TO THE SECRETARIAT IN TIME FOR THEM TO BE CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE OF OR AT THE MEETING.
3. IN ADDITION IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE GROUP WOULD ALSO CONSIDER OR FURTHER CONSIDER, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:
 - (a) THE CONTENT AND FORMAT OF THE MODEL QUESTIONNAIRE (L/4168/Rev.1, IMCG/1, AND IMCG/W/1 AND 2)
 - (b) THE FREQUENCY TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE GROUP.
4. AS AGREED AT THE LAST MEETING THE SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE A CHECKLIST (TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING) BASED ON THE REPLIES TO THE MODEL QUESTIONNAIRE INDICATING WHAT INFORMATION HAD BEEN FURNISHED AND WHAT HAD NOT, SO AS TO ENABLE THE GROUP TO EXAMINE AND DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY GOVERNMENTS AS REGARDS THE PROVISION OF DATA. THIS EXAMINATION WOULD BE TAKEN AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR THE LONGER-TERM EXERCISE OF DETERMINING WHAT DATA SHOULD BE COLLECTED ON A PERMANENT BASIS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE GROUP'S CONSULTATIONS.
5. AS AGREED BY THE GATT COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES (C/M/103) THE GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL COUNTRIES, BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS OF GATT, INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN MEAT AND WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP. SUCH COUNTRIES ARE ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THEIR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE AND OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

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