

GATT/AIR/1325

26 OCTOBER 1976

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP

1. AS CONFIRMED IN CONSULTATIONS WITH PARTICIPANTS THE INTERNATIONAL MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL HOLD ITS SIXTH MEETING ON 15 AND 16 NOVEMBER 1976. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS AND WILL START AT 3 P.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 PROPOSAL THAT, AS A FURTHER STEP IN THE PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE DATA SUBMITTED BY PARTICIPANTS, THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE A BACKGROUND NOTE ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS AND TRENDS WHICH, IN DEALING WITH FACTORS INFLUENCING MARKET TRENDS, WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE IMPACT OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN A NUMBER OF MAJOR PRODUCING AREAS ON THE STRUCTURE AND SIZE OF HERDS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A NOTE WOULD DRAW ON COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS, ON THE SHORT-TERM FORECASTS AND OTHER DATA FURNISHED IN REPLY TO THE MODEL QUESTIONNAIRE, AND ON OTHER SOURCES (IMCG/5, PARAGRAPH 6);
 - (B) THE CONTENT AND FORMAT OF THE MODEL QUESTIONNAIRE (L/4168/REV.1, IMCG/1, IMCG/W/1 AND 2, AND IMCG/W/22).
4. THOSE PARTICIPANTS WHICH HAVE AGREED TO SUPPLY MONTHLY INFORMATION ON PRICES PRACTICISED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE (VIZ ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITITIES, NEW ZEALAND, URUGUAY) ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY UP-DATED INFORMATION IN TIME FOR A REVISION OF DOCUMENT IMCG/W/23 TO BE CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE OF OR AT THE MEETING.

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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