

16 FEBRUARY 1978

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP

1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE TENTH MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL BE HELD ON 17 AND 18 APRIL 1978 IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD BEGINNING AT 3 P.M. ON 17 APRIL.
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED AT ITS PREVIOUS MEETINGS THE GROUP WILL CONSULT ON CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS AND FORESEEABLE TRENDS IN THE BOVINE SECTOR BASING ITSELF ON SUBMISSIONS AND INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY PARTICIPANTS AND ON THE BACKGROUND DISCUSSION PAPER TO BE CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARIAT.
3. AT THE NINTH MEETING PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT REPLIES TO THE REVISED QUESTIONNAIRE AND OTHER DATA OR INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE GROUP SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT LEAST SIX WEEKS BEFORE EACH MEETING. PARTICIPANTS ARE ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION BY 6 MARCH 1978.
4. THOSE PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE AGREED TO SUPPLY MONTHLY INFORMATION ON PRICES PRACTISED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE (VIZ. ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, 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 THE MEETING.
5. THE GROUP WILL DISCUSS THE COLLECTION OF DATA REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS INCLUDING A REVISED VERSION OF THE MODEL QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH IS BEING CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT L/4168/REV 2.
6. AFTER A DISCUSSION AT THE NINTH MEETING OF HOW THE WORK OF THE GROUP COULD BE IMPROVED FURTHER THE CHAIRMAN INVITED PARTICIPANTS TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS IN WRITING BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING SO THAT THIS MATTER COULD BE CONSIDERED FURTHER. PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO ARE ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.
7. 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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