

GATT/AIR/296

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SUBJECT: MEETING OF COMMITTEE II

1. AT ITS MEETING FROM 24-31 MAY 1962 THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT COMMITTEE II SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO CARRY OUT A CONSULTATION WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, EXAMINING DURING SUCH CONSULTATION THE CHANGES IN THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE COMMUNITY.
2. IN CONFORMITY WITH THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE II WILL MEET FROM 8-23 OCTOBER 1962 TO CONTINUE, IF NECESSARY, AFTER THE OPENING OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION, TO ENABLE IT TO REPORT TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THAT SESSION.
3. THE TEXTS OF THE REGULATIONS ON THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY WERE DISTRIBUTED TO CONTRACTING PARTIES IN DOCUMENT L/1771. THE REVISED ENGLISH TRANSLATION WAS DISTRIBUTED IN DOCUMENT L/1771/REV.1. THE SECRETARIAT HAS NOW PREPARED A SECOND REVISION OF THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION WHICH HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN DOCUMENT L/1771/Rev.2.
4. APART FROM THE REGULATIONS ON THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE COMMISSION OF THE EEC HAVE TAKEN A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF DECISIONS ELABORATING THE GENERAL OUTLINE. ALSO THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EEC HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF DECISIONS ADAPTING THEIR NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND DECIDING ON THOSE MATTERS WHICH IN THE BASIC REGULATIONS WERE RESERVED TO THEM. IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THESE VARIOUS REGULATIONS AND DECISIONS THE SECRETARIAT IS NOW PREPARING IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STAFF OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION A DOCUMENT WHICH GIVES A DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY FOR EACH PRODUCT, EFFECTIVE FROM 30 JULY 1962. THE DOCUMENT WILL INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF MOST OF THE REGULATIONS AND DECISIONS ELABORATING THE BASIC PRINCIPLES. THE DOCUMENT WILL BE CIRCULATED IN THE COURSE OF THIS MONTH.
5. THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO DRAWN TO THE NOTIFICATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND AND SWEDEN OF CHANGES IN THEIR AGRICULTURAL POLICIES WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMITTEE AS DOCUMENTS COM.II/2(S)/ADD.1, COM.II/21/ADD.1, AND COM.II/2(O)/ADD.2. THESE NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2(E) OF THE DECISION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OF 7 DECEMBER 1961 UNDER WHICH CONTRACTING PARTIES WERE INVITED TO NOTIFY ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THEIR AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AND COMMITTEE II WAS AUTHORIZED TO CONSIDER, WHEN SO REQUESTED, THE CARRYING OUT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH PARTICULAR CONTRACTING PARTIES. SO FAR NO REQUESTS FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND AND SWEDEN HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

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6. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE REPORTS ON THE CONSULTATION WITH PAKISTAN AND CHILE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE. THE DRAFT REPORTS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED TO THE COMMITTEE AS DOCUMENTS COM.II/124/REV.1 AND COM.II/133. THE SECRETARIAT IS NOW IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DELEGATIONS CONCERNED AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO CONSIDER THESE DURING THE TWENTIETH SESSION.

7. THE MEETING OF COMMITTEE II WILL COMMENCE AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 1962 IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.

8. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS AT THIS MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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