

INTERNATIONAL BOVINE MEAT AGREEMENT

The *Parties* to this Agreement,

Convinced that increased international cooperation should be carried out in such a way as to contribute to the achievement of greater liberalization, stability and expansion in international trade in meat and live animals;

Taking into account the need to avoid serious disturbances in international trade in bovine meat and live animals;

Recognizing the importance of production and trade in bovine meat and live animals for the economies of many countries, especially for certain developed and developing countries;

Mindful of their obligations to the principles and objectives of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (hereinafter referred to as "GATT 1994");¹

Determined, in carrying out the aims of this Agreement to implement the principles and objectives agreed upon in the Tokyo Declaration of Ministers dated 14 September 1973, in particular as concerns special and more favourable treatment for developing countries;

Hereby *agree* as follows:

Article I

Objectives

The objectives of this Agreement shall be:

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trade in bovine meat and live animals, including commitments resulting from bilateral, plurilateral

6. Any Party may raise before the Council any matter⁴ affecting this Agreement, *inter alia*, for the same purposes provided for in paragraph 2. The Council shall, at the request of a Party, meet within a period of not more than fifteen days to consider any matter affecting this Agreement.

Article V

Article VI

Final provisions

1. *Acceptance*

- (a) This Agreement is open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by any State or separate customs territory possessing full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for in the Agreement Establishing the WTO (hereinafter referred to as "WTO Agreement"), and by the European Communities.
- (b) Reservations may not be entered without the consent of the other Parties.
- (c) Acceptance of this Agreement shall carry denunciation of the Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat, done at Geneva on 12 April 1979, which entered into force on 1 January 1980, for Parties having accepted that Arrangement. Such denunciation shall take effect on the date of entry into force of this Agreement for that Party.

2. *Entry into force*

This Agreement shall enter into force for those Parties having accepted it, on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement. For Parties accepting this Agreement after that date, it shall be effective from the date of their acceptance.

3. *Validity*

This Agreement shall remain in force for three years. The duration of this Agreement shall be extended for further periods of three years at a time, unless the Council, at least eighty days prior to each date of expiry, decides otherwise.

4. *Amendment*

Except where provision for modification is made elsewhere in this Agreement, the Council may recommend an amendment to the provisions of this Agreement. The proposed amendment shall enter into force upon acceptance by all Parties.

5. *Relationship between the Agreement and other Agreements*

Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the rights and obligations of Parties under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade or the WTO Agreement.⁵

6. *Withdrawal*

Any Party may withdraw from this Agreement. Such withdrawal shall take effect upon the expiration of sixty days from the date on which written notice of withdrawal is received by the Director-General of the WTO.

⁵This provision shall apply only among Parties that are Members of the WTO or the GATT.

7. *Deposit*

Until the entry into force of the WTO Agreement, the text of this Agreement shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING Parties to GATT who shall promptly furnish a certified copy thereof and a notification of each acceptance thereof to each Party. The texts of this Agreement in the English, French and Spanish languages shall all be equally authentic.

This Agreement, and any amendments thereto, shall, upon the entry into force of the WTO Agreement, be deposited with the Director-General of the WTO.

8. *Registration*

This Agreement shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Done at Marrakesh on this fifteenth day of April nineteen hundred and ninety four.

ANNEX
PRODUCT COVERAGE

This Agreement applies to bovine meat. For the purpose of this Agreement, the term "bovine meat" is considered to include the following products, as defined by the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System ("Harmonized System") established by the Customs Co-operation Council⁶:

HS code

01.02 - Live bovine animals:

0102.10 - Pure-bred breeding animals

0102.90 - Other

02.01 - Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled:

0201.10 - Carcasses and half-carcasses

0201.20 - Other cuts with bone-in

0201.30 - Boneless

02.02 - Meat of bovine animals, frozen:

0202.10 - Carcasses and half-carcasses

0202.20 - Other cuts with bone-in

0202.30 - Boneless

⁶For those Parties which have not yet implemented the Harmonized System, the following Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature applies with respect to Article II:

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(a) Live bovine animals 01.02

(b) Meat and edible offals of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen ex 02.01

(c) Meat and edible offals of bovine animals, salted, in brine, dried or smoked ex 02.06

(d) Other prepared or preserved meat or offal of bovine animals ex 16.02

02.06 - Edible offal of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen:

0206.10 - Of bovine animals, fresh or chilled

- Of bovine animals, frozen:

0206.21 - Tongues

0206.22 - Livers

0206.29 - Other

02.10 - Meat and edible meat offal, salted, in brine, dried or smoked; edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal:

0210.20 - Meat of bovine animals

ex0210.90 - Edible offal of bovine animals

16.02 - Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood:

1602.50 - Of bovine animals