

ARTICLE 15

Establishment of datum quantities

(1) Datum quantities as defined in Article 2 shall be established for each crop year on the basis of average annual commercial purchases during the first four of the immediately preceding five crop years. In the case of steadily expanding markets where, taking the same period, the average annual commercial purchases are in excess of the average datum quantity figures calculated by the above method, the datum quantities shall be adjusted by the addition of the difference of the two averages. For the purpose of this paragraph a steadily expanding market is a market in which the commercial imports were higher than the datum quantity figures calculated under the first sentence of this paragraph in at least 3 out of the 4 years used in such calculation and the percentage undertaking of such a country is not less than eighty per cent.

(2) Before the beginning of each crop year, the Council shall establish for that crop year the datum quantity of each exporting country with respect to all importing countries and the datum quantity of each importing country with respect to all exporting countries and to each such country, except that in calculating datum quantities exports by or imports from the European Economic Community shall be disregarded.

(3) The datum quantities established in accordance with the preceding paragraph shall be re-established whenever a change in the membership of this Convention occurs, regard being had where appropriate to any conditions of accession prescribed by the Council under Article 38.

ARTICLE 16

Recording and reporting

(1) The Council shall keep separate records for each crop year

(a) for the purposes of the operation of this Convention and in particular of Articles 4 and 5, of all commercial purchases by member countries from other member and non-member countries and of all imports by member countries from other member and non-member countries on terms which render them special transactions, and

(b) of all commercial sales by member countries to non-member countries and of all exports by member countries to non-member countries on terms which render them special transactions.

(2) The records referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be kept so that

(a) records of special transactions are separate from records of commercial transactions and

(b) at all times during a crop year a statement of the balance of commitment of each exporting country with respect to all importing countries and of the balance of entitlement of each importing country with respect to all exporting countries and to each such country is maintained. Statements of such balances shall, at intervals prescribed by the Council, be circulated to all exporting and importing countries.