

hold 75 per cent. of the votes of the exporting countries and by the Governments of importing countries which hold 75 per cent. of the votes of the importing countries but not by the Governments of all the exporting countries and the Governments of all the importing countries—

- (i) the amendment shall become effective for the Participating Governments which have signified their acceptance under paragraph (2) of this Article at the beginning of the quota year next following the end of the time fixed under that paragraph;
 - (ii) the Council shall determine forthwith whether the amendment is of such a nature that the Participating Governments which do not accept it shall be suspended from this Agreement from the date upon which it becomes effective under sub-paragraph (i) and shall inform all Participating Governments accordingly. If the Council determines that the amendment is of such a nature, Participating Governments which have not accepted that amendment shall inform the Council by the date on which the amendment is to become effective under sub-paragraph (i) whether it is still unacceptable and those Participating Governments which do so shall automatically be suspended from this Agreement; provided that if any such Participating Government satisfies the Council that it has been prevented from accepting the amendment by the time the amendment becomes effective under sub-paragraph (i) by reason of constitutional difficulties beyond its control, the Council may postpone suspension until such difficulties have been overcome and the Participating Government has notified its decision to the Council.
- (6) The Council shall establish rules with respect to the reinstatement of a Participating Government suspended under paragraph (5) (ii) of this Article and any other rules required for carrying out the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 44

- (1) If any Participating Government considers its interests to be seriously prejudiced by the failure of any signatory Government to ratify or accept this Agreement, or by conditions or reservations attached to any signature, ratification or acceptance, it shall notify the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Immediately on the receipt of such notification, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall inform the Council, which shall, either at its first meeting, or at any subsequent meeting held not later than one month after receipt of the notification, consider the matter. If, after the Council has considered the matter, the Participating Government still considers its interests to be seriously prejudiced, it may withdraw from this Agreement by giving notice of withdrawal to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland within thirty days after the Council has concluded its consideration of the matter.
- (2) If any Participating Government demonstrates that, notwithstanding the provisions of this Agreement, its operation has resulted in an acute shortage of supplies or in prices on the free market not being stabilised within the range provided for in this Agreement, and the Council fails to take action to remedy such situation, the Government concerned may give notice of withdrawal from this Agreement.
- (3) If, during the period of this Agreement, by action of a non-participating country, or by action of any participating country inconsistent with this Agreement such adverse changes occur in the relation between supply and demand on the free market as are held by any Participating Government seriously to prejudice its interests such Participating Government may state