

export quota in effect will not be used, to reduce accordingly the export quota in effect of such country and to increase the export quotas in effect of other exporting countries by redistributing an amount of sugar equal to the part of the quota so renounced *pro rata* to their basic export tonnages. The Council shall forthwith notify Governments of exporting countries of such increases, and those Governments shall, within 10 days of receipt of such notification, inform the Council whether or not they are in a position to use the increase in quota allotted to them. On receipt of such information, a subsequent redistribution of the quantity involved shall be made, and Governments of exporting countries concerned shall be notified forthwith by the Council of the increases made in their countries' export quotas in effect.

(ii) From time to time to take into account variations in the estimates of the quantities of sugar which the Council is notified will be imported from non-participating countries under Article 7; provided, however, that such quantities need not be redistributed until they reach a total of 5,000 tons. Redistributions under this sub-paragraph shall be made on the same basis and in the same manner as is provided in paragraph (1) (i) of this Article.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 11, if the Council, after consultation with the Government of any participating exporting country, determines that such country will be unable to use all or part of its export quota in effect, the Council may increase *pro rata* the export quotas of other participating exporting countries on the same basis and in the same manner as is provided for in paragraph (1) (i) of this Article; provided, however, that such action by the Council shall not deprive the country concerned of its right to fill its export quota which was in effect before the Council made its determination.

## CHAPTER VIII

### STABILIZATION OF PRICES

#### Article 20

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement any reference to the price of sugar shall be deemed to be to the spot price in United States currency per pound avoirdupois free alongside steamer Cuban port, as established by the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange in relation to sugar covered by Contract No. 4, or any alternative price which may be established under paragraph (2) of this Article; and where any reference is made to the prevailing price being above or below any stated figure, that condition shall be deemed to be fulfilled if the average price over a period of seventeen consecutive market days has been above or below the stated figure, as the case may be, provided that the spot price on the first day of the period and on not less than twelve days within the period has also been above or below the stated figure, as the case may be.

(2) In the event of the price referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article not being available at a material period, the Council shall use such other criteria as it sees fit.

(3) Any of the prices laid down in Articles 18 and 21 may be modified by the Council by a Special Vote.

#### Article 21

(1) The Council shall have discretion to increase or reduce quotas to meet market conditions, provided that:

(i) When the prevailing price is not less than 3.25 cents and not more than 3.45 cents no increase shall be made so as to bring into effect quotas