

(ii) The years referred to in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph may be varied by a determination of the Council on the application of any Participating Government which considers that there are special reasons for such variation.

(2) (i) If any Participating Government considers that the obligation it has assumed under paragraph (1) of this Article is operating in such a way that its country's re-export trade in refined sugar or trade in sugar-containing products is suffering damage therefrom, or is in imminent danger of being damaged, it may request the Council to take action to safeguard the trade in question, and the Council shall forthwith consider any such request and shall take such action, which may include the modification of the aforesaid obligation, as it deems necessary for that purpose. If the Council fails to deal with a request made to it under this sub-paragraph within 15 days of its receipt the Government making the request shall be deemed to have been released from its obligation under paragraph (1) of this Article to the extent necessary to safeguard the said trade.

(ii) If in a particular transaction in the usual course of trade the delay resulting from the procedure provided for in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph might result in damage to a country's re-export trade in refined sugar or trade in sugar-containing products, the Government concerned shall be released from the obligation in paragraph (1) of this Article in respect of that particular transaction.

(3) (i) If any Participating Government considers that it cannot carry out the obligations in paragraph (1) of this Article, it agrees to furnish the Council with all relevant facts and to inform the Council of the measures which it would propose to take in that quota year and the Council shall, within fifteen days, take a decision as to whether or not the obligation laid down in paragraph (1) of this Article should be modified for that quota year in respect of such Government. However, if the Council is unable to reach a decision, the Government concerned shall be released from its obligations under paragraph (1) of this Article to such extent as may be necessary to permit it to carry out in that quota year the measures it has proposed to the Council.

(ii) If the Government of any participating exporting country considers that the interests of its country are being damaged by the operation of paragraph (1) of this Article, it may furnish the Council with all relevant facts and inform the Council of the measures which it would wish to have taken by the Government of the other participating country concerned, and the Council may, in agreement with the latter Government, modify the obligation laid down in paragraph (1).

(4) The Government of each participating country which imports sugar agrees that as soon as practicable after its ratification of, acceptance of, or accession to this Agreement, it will notify the Council of the maximum quantities which could be imported from non-participating countries under paragraph (1) of this Article.

(5) In order to enable the Council to make the redistributions provided for in Article 19(1)(ii), the Government of each participating country which imports sugar agrees to notify the Council, within a period fixed by the Council which shall not exceed eight months from the beginning of the quota year, of the quantity of sugar which it expects will be imported from non-participating countries in that quota year; provided that the Council may vary the aforesaid period in the case of any such country.

(6) The Government of each participating importing country agrees that in any quota year the total exports, if any, of sugar from its country, excluding sugar supplied as ships' stores for ships victualling at domestic ports, shall not exceed the total imports of sugar into that country in that quota year.