

(importing countries and exporting countries), having regard in respect of importing countries to their average imports over the two preceding years, and in respect of exporting countries having regard to the ratio 40 to 60 to their average production over the two preceding years and to the basic export tonnages allotted to them; provided that in no case shall any country have less than 15 or more than 245 votes and that there shall be no fractional votes.

ARTICLE 36

(1) Except where otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, decisions of the Council shall be by a majority of the votes cast by the exporting countries and a majority of the votes cast by the importing countries provided that the latter majority shall consist of votes cast by not less than one-third in number of the importing countries present and voting.

(2) When a Special Vote is required, decisions of the Council shall be by at least two-thirds of the votes cast, which shall include a majority of the votes cast by the exporting countries and a majority of the votes cast by the importing countries; provided that the latter majority shall consist of votes cast by not less than one-third in number of the importing countries present and voting.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article, at any session of the Council convened in accordance with Article 30 (3) (i) or Article 30 (3) (ii) to deal with any question relating to Articles 21 and 22, decisions of the Council on action taken by the Executive Committee under the said Articles shall be by a simple majority of the votes cast by the participating countries present and voting taken as a whole.

(4) The Government of any participating exporting country may authorise the voting delegate of any other exporting country and the Government of any participating importing country may authorise the voting delegate of any other importing country to represent its interests and to exercise its votes at any meeting or meetings of the Council. Evidence of such authorisation satisfactory to the Council shall be submitted to the Council.

(5) Each Participating Government undertakes to accept as binding all decisions of the Council under the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 37

(1) The Council shall establish an Executive Committee, which shall be composed of representatives of the Governments of five participating exporting countries which shall be selected for a quota year by a majority of the votes held by the exporting countries and of representatives of the Governments of five participating importing countries which shall be selected for a quota year by a majority of the votes held by the importing countries.

(2) The Executive Committee shall exercise such powers and functions of the Council as are delegated to it by the Council.

(3) The Executive Director of the Council shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Executive Committee but shall have no vote. The Committee may elect a Vice-Chairman and shall establish its Rules of Procedure subject to the approval of the Council.

(4) Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. In the Executive Committee, decisions shall be by a majority of the votes cast by the exporting countries and a majority of the votes cast by the importing countries.

(5) Any Participating Government shall have the right of appeal to the Council under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Council, against any decision of the Executive Committee. In so far as the decision of the Council does not accord with the decision of the Executive Committee the latter shall be modified as of the date on which the Council makes its decision.