

(2) Without prejudice to Articles 43 and 44, the Council shall in the third year of this Agreement examine the entire working of the Agreement, especially in regard to quotas and prices and shall take into account any amendment to the Agreement which in connection with this examination any Participating Government may propose.

(3) Not less than three months before the last day of the third quota year of this Agreement the Council shall submit a report on the results of the examination referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article to Participating Governments.

(4) Any Participating Government may within a period of not more than two months after the receipt of the Council's report referred to in paragraph (3) of this Article withdraw from this Agreement by giving notice of withdrawal to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Such withdrawal shall take effect on the last day of the third quota year.

(5)—(i) If, after the two months referred to in paragraph (4) of this Article, any Government which has not withdrawn from this Agreement under that paragraph considers that the number of Governments which have withdrawn under the said paragraph, or the importance of those Governments for the purposes of this Agreement, is such as to impair the operation of this Agreement, such Government may, within thirty days following the expiration of the said period, request the Chairman of the Council to call a special meeting of the Council at which the Governments party to this Agreement shall consider whether or not they will remain party to it.

(ii) Any special meeting called pursuant to a request made under sub-paragraph (i) shall be held within one month of the receipt by the Chairman of such request and Governments represented at such meeting may withdraw from the Agreement by giving notice of withdrawal to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland within thirty days from the date on which the meeting was held. Any such notice of withdrawal shall become effective thirty days from the date of its receipt by that Government.

(iii) Governments not represented at a special meeting held pursuant to sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) may not withdraw from this Agreement under the provisions of those sub-paragraphs.

ARTICLE 43

(1) If circumstances arise which, in the opinion of the Council, affect or threaten to affect adversely the operation of this Agreement, the Council may, by a Special Vote, recommend an amendment of this Agreement to the Participating Governments.

(2) The Council shall fix the time within which each Participating Government shall notify the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland whether or not it accepts an amendment recommended under paragraph (1) of this Article.

(3) If, within the time fixed under paragraph (2) of this Article, all Participating Governments accept an amendment it shall take effect immediately on the receipt by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the last acceptance.

(4) If, within the time fixed under paragraph (2) of this Article, an amendment is not accepted by the Governments of exporting countries which 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 it shall not take effect.

(5) If, by the end of the time fixed under paragraph (2) of this Article, an amendment is accepted by the Governments of exporting countries which