

of the Agreement; provided that the Council shall, for the purpose of calculating the amount of sugar to be charged to the export quota of any participating country, exclude the sugar equivalent of any quantity of such products which has normally been exported from that country prior to the coming into force of this Agreement.

Chapter XI.—Monetary Difficulties

ARTICLE 25

(1) If, during the term of this Agreement the Government of a participating importing country considers that it is necessary for it to forestall the imminent threat of, or to stop or to correct a serious decline in its monetary reserves, it may request the Council to modify particular obligations of this Agreement.

(2) The Council shall consult fully with the International Monetary Fund on questions raised by such request and shall accept all findings of statistical and other facts made by the Fund relating to foreign exchanges, monetary reserves and balance of payments, and shall accept the determination of the Fund as to whether the country involved has experienced or is imminently threatened with a serious deterioration in its monetary reserves. If the country in question is not a member of the International Monetary Fund and requests that the Council should not consult the Fund, the issues involved shall be examined by the Council without such consultation.

(3) In either event, the Council shall discuss the matter with the Government of the importing country. If the Council decides that the representations are well founded and that the country is being prevented from obtaining a sufficient amount of sugar to meet its consumption requirements consistently with the terms of this Agreement, the Council may modify the obligations of such Government or of the Government of any exporting country under this Agreement in such manner and for such time as the Council deems necessary to permit such importing country to secure a more adequate supply of sugar with its available resources.

Chapter XII.—Studies by the Council

ARTICLE 26

(1) The Council shall consider and make recommendations to the Governments of participating countries concerning ways and means of securing appropriate expansion in the consumption of sugar, and may undertake studies of such matters as:—

- (i) The effects of (a) taxation and restrictive measures and (b) economic, climatic and other conditions on the consumption of sugar in the various countries;
- (ii) Means of promoting consumption, particularly in countries where consumption *per caput* is low;
- (iii) The possibility of co-operative publicity programmes with similar agencies concerned with the expansion of consumption of other food-stuffs;
- (iv) Progress of research into new uses of sugar, its by-products, and the plants from which it is derived.