

The Governments party to this Agreement have agreed as follows:—

Chapter I.—General Objectives

ARTICLE 1

The objectives of this Agreement are to assure supplies of sugar to importing countries and markets for sugar to exporting countries at equitable and stable prices; to increase the consumption of sugar throughout the world; and to maintain the purchasing power in world markets of countries or areas whose economies are largely dependent upon the production or export of sugar by providing adequate returns to producers and making it possible to maintain fair standards of labour conditions and wages.

Chapter II.—Definitions

ARTICLE 2

For the purposes of this Agreement—

- (1) "Ton" means a metric ton of 1,000 kilograms.
- (2) "Quota Year" means calendar year, that is, the period from January 1 to December 31, both inclusive.
- (3) "Sugar" means sugar in any of its recognised commercial forms derived from sugar cane or sugar beet, including edible and fancy molasses, syrups and any other form of liquid sugar used for human consumption, except final molasses and low-grade types of non-centrifugal sugar produced by primitive methods.
- Amounts of sugar specified in this Agreement are in terms of raw value, net weight, excluding the container. Except as provided in Article 16, the raw value of any amount of sugar means its equivalent in terms of raw sugar testing 96 sugar degrees by the polariscope.
- (4) "Net imports" means total imports of sugar after deducting total exports of sugar.
- (5) "Net exports" means total exports of sugar (excluding sugar supplied as ships' stores for ships victualling at domestic ports) after deducting total imports of sugar.
- (6) "Free market" means the total of net imports of the world market except those excluded under any provisions of this Agreement.
- (7) "Basic export tonnages" means the quantities of sugar specified in Article 14 (1).
- (8) "Initial export quota" means the quantity of sugar allotted for any quota year under Article 18 to each country listed in Article 14 (1).
- (9) "Export quota in effect" means the initial export quota as modified by such adjustment as may be made from time to time.
- (10) "Stocks of Sugar," for the purposes of Article 13, means either:—
 - (i) All sugar in the country concerned either in factories, refineries, warehouses, or in the course of internal transportation for destinations within the country, but excluding bonded foreign sugar (which term shall be regarded as also covering sugar "en admission temporaire") and excluding sugar in factories, refineries and warehouses or in the course of internal transportation for destinations within the country, which is solely for distribution for internal consumption and on which such excise or other consumption duties as exist in the country concerned have been paid; or