

(g) Any amendment to this article shall take effect only if it is ratified, approved or accepted by all participating countries.

(h) The provisions of this article shall not affect any power under this Agreement to revise any annex to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 52

Withdrawal

A participating country which withdraws from this Agreement during its currency, except

(i) In accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of article 41 or paragraph (f) of article 51, or

(ii) Upon at least twelve months' notice being given to the depositary Government not earlier than one year after the entry into force of this Agreement,

shall not be entitled to any share of the proceeds of the liquidation of the buffer stock under the terms of article 31 or 32 nor shall it be entitled to a share of the other assets of the Council under the terms of article 53 on the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 53

Duration, extension and termination

(a) The duration of this Agreement shall, except as otherwise provided in this article or in paragraph (b) of article 47, be five years from the date of entry into force.

(b) The Council may by a two-thirds majority of the total votes held by all producing countries and a two-thirds majority of the total votes held by all consuming countries extend the duration of this Agreement by a period or periods not exceeding twelve months in all.

(c) The Council, in recommendation to the Contracting Governments, not later than four years after the entry into force of this Agreement, shall inform them whether it is necessary and appropriate that this Agreement should be renewed and, if so, in what form; it shall at the same time consider what the relationship between the supply of and demand for tin is likely to be at the expiration of this Agreement.

(d) (i) A Contracting Government may at any time give notice in writing to the Executive Chairman that it intends to propose at the next meeting of the Council the termination of the Agreement.

(ii) If the Council, by a two-thirds majority of the total votes held by all producing countries and by all consuming countries, adopts the proposal to terminate, it shall recommend to the Contracting Governments that this Agreement shall terminate.

(iii) If Contracting Governments holding two-thirds of the total votes of all producing countries and two-thirds of the total votes of all consuming countries notify the Council that they accept that recommendation, this Agreement shall terminate on the date the Council shall decide, being a date not later than six months after the receipt by the Council of the last of the notifications from those Contracting Governments.

(e) The Council shall remain in being for as long as may be necessary for the carrying out of paragraph (f) of this article, for the supervision of