

quota in effect, the Council may increase *pro rata* the export quotas of other participating exporting countries on the same basis and in the same manner as is provided for in paragraph (1) (i) of this Article; provided, however, that such action by the Council shall not deprive the country concerned of its right to fill its export quota which was in effect before the Council made its determination.

Chapter VIII.—Stabilisation of Prices

ARTICLE 20

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement the price of sugar shall be considered equitable both to consumers and producers if it is maintained within a zone of stabilised prices between a minimum of 3·25 cents and a maximum of 4·35 cents United States currency per pound avoirdupois, free alongside steamer Cuban port; the price of sugar shall be the spot price established by the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange in relation to sugar covered by Contract No. 4, or any other price which may be established under paragraph (2) of this Article.

(2) In the event of the price referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article not being available at a material period, the Council shall use such other criteria as it sees fit.

(3) The minimum and maximum limits of the zone of stabilised prices referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article may be modified by the Council by a Special Vote.

ARTICLE 21

(1)—(i) If at any time the Council decides that market conditions make it advisable to reduce the export quotas in effect with a view to preventing the price of sugar from falling below the minimum price established under Article 20, it may make such reduction in the export quotas in effect as it deems necessary *pro rata* to the basic export tonnages, subject to the provisions of Article 14 B.

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) (i) of this Article, whenever the average daily spot price of sugar for any one period of fifteen consecutive market days, has averaged less than the minimum price established under Article 20, the Council shall, within ten days of the end of such fifteen-day period, make such reduction as it deems necessary in the export quotas in effect, *pro rata* to the basic export tonnages and subject to the provisions of Article 14 B; provided that no further alteration in the export quotas in effect shall be made under this sub-paragraph within a period of fifteen consecutive market days from the date of any adjustment in quotas in effect, pursuant to the provisions of this sub-paragraph and of Article 22.

(iii) If the Council cannot agree within the said period of ten days upon the amount of the reduction under paragraph (1) (ii) of this Article, the export quotas in effect shall be reduced each time by 5 per cent. of the basic export tonnages, subject to the provisions of Article 14 B.

(iv) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) (i), (1) (ii) and (1) (iii) of this Article, if any country's export quota in effect has been reduced under Article 19 (1) (i), such reduction shall be deemed to form part of reductions made in the same quota year under the terms of the aforesaid sub-paragraphs.

(2) The Secretary of the Council shall notify the Governments of participating countries of each reduction made under this Article in the export quotas in effect.

(3) If any of the reductions provided for in the preceding paragraphs of this Article cannot be fully applied to the export quota in effect of an