

2. An exporting country may transfer part of its guaranteed quantity to another exporting country and an importing country may transfer part of its guaranteed quantity to another importing country for one or more crop-years, subject to approval by the Council by a majority of the votes cast by the exporting countries and a majority of the votes cast by the importing countries.

3. The guaranteed quantity of any country acceding under Article XXI of this Agreement shall be offset by appropriate adjustments by way of increase or decrease of the guaranteed quantities of one or more other countries in Annexes A and B to Article III. Such adjustments shall not be approved unless each exporting or importing country whose guaranteed quantity is thereby changed has consented.

ARTICLE XII

Additional Purchases in Case of Critical Need

In order to meet a critical need which has arisen or threatens to arise in its territory, an importing country may appeal to the Council for assistance in obtaining supplies of wheat in addition to its guaranteed purchases. On consideration of such an appeal the Council may reduce *pro rata* the guaranteed quantities of the other importing countries in order to provide the quantity of wheat which it determines to be necessary to relieve the emergency created by the critical need, provided that it considers that such emergency cannot be met in any other manner. Two-thirds of the votes cast by the exporting countries and two-thirds of the votes cast by the importing countries shall be required for any reduction of guaranteed purchases under this paragraph.

Part 4—Administration

ARTICLE XIII

The Council

A. *Constitution*

1. The International Wheat Council, established by the International Wheat Agreement which was opened for signature in Washington on 23 March 1949, shall continue in being for the purpose of administering the present Agreement.

2. Each exporting country and each importing country shall be a voting member of the Council and may be represented at its meetings by one delegate, alternates, and advisers.

3. Such inter-governmental organizations as the Council may decide to invite may each have one non-voting representative in attendance at meetings of the Council.

4. The Council shall elect for each crop-year a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman.

B. *Powers and Functions*

5. The Council shall establish its rules of procedure.

6. The Council shall keep such records as are required by the terms of this Agreement and may keep such other records as it considers desirable.

7. (a) The Council may study any aspect of the world wheat situation and may sponsor exchanges of information and inter-governmental consultations relating thereto. The Council may make such arrangements as it considers desirable with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United