

Provided that, if at the time of the first session of the Council under this Agreement less than 10,000 tons of tin metal are held in the buffer stock, the Council shall consider the position at its first session and, if a decision to continue the limitation of exports is not reached, the period in question shall cease to be a control period.

(k) The total permissible export tonnage for any control period shall be divided among producing countries in proportion to their percentages in annex A or in proportion to their percentages in any revised table of percentages which may be published in accordance with this Agreement, and the quantity of tin so computed in respect of any country for any control period shall be the permissible export tonnage of that country for that control period.

(l) If after the entry into force of this Agreement, any country ratifies, approves or accepts, or gives notification of intention to ratify, approve or accept, or accedes to it, as a producing country, or has been approved by the Council for a change in its category from that of a consuming country to that of a producing country in accordance with article 5, the Council, having determined the percentage of that country, shall re-determine the percentages of all the other participating countries in proportion to their current percentages.

(m) (i) The Council shall review the percentages of the producing countries and re-determine them in accordance with the rules of annex G. Except for the first re-determination, which shall take place at the first session of the Council, the percentage of a producing country shall not, during any period of twelve months, be reduced by more than one-tenth of its percentage at the commencement of that period.

(ii) In any action which it may propose to take in accordance with the rules of annex G, the Council shall give due consideration to any circumstances stated by any producing country as being exceptional and may, by a two-thirds distributed majority, waive or modify the full application of those rules.

(iii) The Council may, from time to time, by a two-thirds distributed majority revise the rules of annex G, and any such revision shall have effect as if it were included in that annex.

(iv) The percentages resulting from the procedure set out in this paragraph shall be published and shall take effect upon the first day of the quarter following the date of the decision of the Council in replacement of the percentages listed in annex A.

(n) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (k) of this article, the Council may, with the consent of a producing country, reduce its share in the total permissible export tonnage and re-distribute the tonnage of the reduction among the other producing countries in proportion to the percentages of those countries or, if circumstances so require, in some other manner.

(ii) The quantity of tin determined according to sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph for any producing country for any control period shall for the purposes of this article be deemed to be the permissible export tonnage of that country for that control period.