

- (b) Any government ⁴ accepting this Arrangement may at the time of acceptance make a reservation with regard to its acceptance of any of the provisions in the present Arrangement. This reservation is subject to the approval of the participants.
- (c) This Arrangement shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT who shall promptly furnish a certified copy thereof and a notification of each acceptance thereof to each participant. The texts of this Arrangement in the English, French and Spanish languages shall all be equally authentic.
- (d) The entry into force of this Arrangement shall entail the abolition of the International Meat Consultative Group.

2. Provisional application

Any government may deposit with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT a declaration of provisional application of this Arrangement. Any government depositing such a declaration shall provisionally apply this Arrangement and be provisionally regarded as participating in this Arrangement.

3. Entry into force

This Arrangement shall enter into force, for those participants having accepted it, on 1 January 1980. For participants accepting this Arrangement after that date, it shall be effective from the date of their acceptance.

4. Validity

This Arrangement shall remain in force for three years. The duration of this Arrangement shall be extended for further periods of three years at a time, unless the Council, at least eighty days prior to each date of expiry, decides otherwise.

5. Amendment

Except where provision for modification is made elsewhere in this Arrangement the Council may recommend an amendment to the provisions of this Arrangement. The proposed amendment shall enter into force upon acceptance by the governments of all participants.

⁴ For the purpose of this Arrangement, the term "government" is deemed to include the competent authorities of the European Economic Community.