

## ARTICLE 16

(1) The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the British West Indies and British Guiana, Mauritius and Fiji), the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the Union of South Africa undertake that net exports of sugar by the exporting territories covered by the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement of 1951 (excluding local movements of sugar between adjoining Commonwealth territories, or islands, in such quantities as can be authenticated by custom) shall not together exceed the following total quantities:—

- (i) in the calendar years 1954 and 1955—2,413,793 tons (2,375,000 English long tons) tel quel per year;
- (ii) in the calendar year 1956—2,490,018 tons (2,450,000 English long tons) tel quel.

Subject to contractual obligations assumed by the Governments concerned under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement of 1951, the quantitative limits for the calendar years 1954, 1955 and 1956 specified above shall not be varied and the provisions of all other articles of this Agreement shall be construed accordingly.

(2) These limitations have the effect of leaving available to the free market a share in the sugar markets of Commonwealth countries. The Governments aforementioned would, however, regard themselves as released from their obligation thus to limit exports of Commonwealth sugar if a Government or Governments of a participating exporting country or of participating countries having a basic export tonnage or tonnages under Article 14 (1) should enter into a special trading arrangement with an importing country of the Commonwealth which would guarantee the exporting country a specified portion of the market of that Commonwealth country.

(3) The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with the concurrence of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the Union of South Africa, undertakes to provide the Council sixty days in advance of the beginning of each quota year with an estimate of total net exports from the exporting territories covered by the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement in such year and to inform the Council promptly of any changes in such estimate during that year. The information supplied to the Council by the United Kingdom pursuant to this undertaking shall be held to discharge fully the obligations in Articles 11 and 12 so far as the aforementioned territories are concerned.

(4) The provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of Article 13 shall not apply to the exporting territories covered by the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement.

(5) Nothing in this Article shall be held to prevent any participating country exporting to the free market from exporting sugar to any country within the British Commonwealth nor, within the quantitative limits set out above, to prevent any Commonwealth country from exporting sugar to the free market.

## ARTICLE 17

Exports of sugar to the United States of America for consumption therein shall not be considered exports to the free market and shall not be charged against the export quotas established under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 18

(1) Before the beginning of each quota year the Council shall cause an estimate to be made of the net import requirements of the free market during such year for sugar from exporting countries listed in Article 14 (1). In the