

(c) The limitation of exports under this Agreement in each control period shall depend on the decision of the Council, and no such limitation shall operate in any period unless the Council has declared it to be a control period and fixed a total permissible export tonnage in respect of it.

(d) A control period already declared may be revoked before, or terminated during, the currency of that period by the Council and the period so revoked or terminated shall not be regarded as a control period for the purposes of paragraph (i) and sub-paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (p) of this article.

(e) The Council shall not declare a control period unless it finds that at least 10,000 tons of tin metal are likely to be held in the buffer stock at the beginning of that period, provided that:

(i) If a control period is declared for the first time after an interval during which no limitation of exports was in force, the figure for the purposes of this paragraph shall be 5,000 tons, applicable from the effective date of the control period already declared or as from and to such date or dates as the Council shall decide; and

(ii) The Council may by a two-thirds distributed majority reduce in respect of any control period the required tonnage of 10,000 tons or 5,000 tons, as the case may be.

(f) A total permissible export tonnage which has become effective shall not cease to be effective during the course of the period to which it relates by reason only of the fact that the buffer stock holding has fallen below the minimum tonnage of tin metal required under paragraph (e) of this article or any other tonnage substituted therefor under the same paragraph.

(g) The Council may declare control periods and fix total permissible export tonnages, notwithstanding the restriction or suspension of buffer stock operations in accordance with the provisions of article 26, 27 or 29.

(h) A total permissible export tonnage previously fixed under paragraph (a) of this article may be revised by the Council, provided, however, that a total permissible export tonnage may not be decreased during the control period to which it relates.

(i) When, under the provisions of paragraph (a) of this article, the Council has declared a control period and has fixed a total permissible export tonnage in respect of that period the Council may at the same time call upon any country invited to the United Nations Tin Conference, 1970, which is also a producer of tin from mines within its territory or territories to put into effect for that period such a limitation of its exports of tin derived from such production as may be agreed to be appropriate between the Council and the country concerned.

(j) Notwithstanding the provisions of this article, if, under the Third International Tin Agreement, a total permissible export tonnage has been fixed in respect of the last quarter of that Agreement and is still effective at the termination of that Agreement:

(i) A control period, commencing upon the entry into force of this Agreement, shall be deemed to have been declared under this Agreement; and

(ii) The total permissible export tonnage for such control period shall be at a rate proportionate to that fixed by the Third Agreement for the last quarter of that Agreement unless and until revised by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this article: