

C. Voting

12. The importing countries shall hold 1,000 votes, which shall be distributed between them in the proportions which their respective guaranteed purchases for the current crop-year bear to the total of the guaranteed purchases for that crop-year. The exporting countries shall also hold 1,000 votes, which shall be distributed between them in the proportions which their respective guaranteed sales for the current crop-year bear to the total of the guaranteed sales for that crop-year. No exporting country or importing country shall have less than one vote and there shall be no fractional votes.

13. The Council shall redistribute the votes in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12 of this Article whenever there is any change in the guaranteed purchases or guaranteed sales for the current crop-year.

14. If an exporting or an importing country forfeits its votes under paragraph 5 of Article XVII or is deprived of its votes under paragraph 3 of Article XIX, the Council shall redistribute the votes as if that country had no guaranteed quantity for the current crop-year.

15. Except where otherwise specified in this Agreement, decisions of the Council shall be by a majority of the total votes cast.

16. Any exporting country may authorize any other exporting country, and any importing country may authorize any other importing country, to represent its interests and to exercise its votes at any meeting or meetings of the Council. Evidence of such authorization satisfactory to the Council shall be submitted to the Council.

D. Sessions

17. The Council shall meet at least once during each half of each crop-year and at such other times as the Chairman may decide.

18. The Chairman shall convene a Session of the Council if so requested by (a) any five delegates of the exporting and importing countries or (b) the delegate or delegates of any of the exporting and importing countries holding a total of not less than ten per cent of the total votes or (c) the Executive Committee.

E. Quorum

19. The presence of delegates with a majority of the votes held by the exporting countries and a majority of the votes held by the importing countries shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Council.

F. Seat

20. The Council shall select in July, 1949, its temporary seat. The Council shall select, so soon as it deems the time propitious, its permanent seat after consultation with the appropriate organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations.

G. Legal Capacity

21. The Council shall have in the territory of each exporting and importing country such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions under this Agreement.