

article 49, or, as the context may require, the Government of such country or of such territory or territories themselves.

Producing country means a participating country which the Council has declared, with the consent of that country, to be a producing country.

Consuming country means a participating country which the Council has declared, with the consent of that country, to be a consuming country.

Contributing country means a participating country which has contributions in the buffer stock.

Simple majority means a majority of the votes cast by participating countries counted together.

Simple distributed majority means a majority of the votes cast by producing countries and a majority of the votes cast by consuming countries, counted separately.

Two-thirds distributed majority means a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by producing countries and a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by consuming countries, counted separately.

Entry into force means, except when qualified, the initial entry into force of this Agreement, whether such entry into force is provisional in accordance with article 47 or definitive in accordance with article 46.

Control period means a period which has been so declared by the Council and for which a total permissible export tonnage has been fixed.

Quarter means a calendar quarter beginning on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

Financial year means a period of one year beginning on 1 July and ending on 30 June of the next year.

CHAPTER III

MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNCIL

ARTICLE 3

Participation in the Council

Each Contracting Government shall constitute a single member of the Council, except as otherwise provided in article 49.

ARTICLE 4

Categories of participants

(a) Each member of the Council shall be declared by the Council, with the consent of the country concerned, to be a producing or a consuming country, as soon as possible after receipt by the Council of notice from the depositary Government that such member has deposited its instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession under article 45 or 48, or notification of intention to ratify, approve or accept this Agreement under article 47.

(b) The membership of producing countries and consuming countries shall be based respectively on their domestic mine production and their consumption of tin metal provided that:

(i) The membership of a producing country which is a substantial consumer of tin metal derived from its own domestic mine production shall with the consent of the country be based on its exports of tin;