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Reply to Question Posed by the UNITED STATES¹ Concerning
the Article XVII Notification of NORWAY²

The following communication was received on 26 September 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Norway, with a request that it be circulated to Members.

The United States has asked why the export of the Norwegian Dairies Association was omitted from Norway's notification. The US understanding is that the Norwegian Dairies Association has a monopoly on the export of cheese. This is not the case. The NDA enjoys no "special or exclusive rights" in the terms of Article XVII, and therefore was not included in the notification. It is a fact that NDA, which is a producers cooperative, has a leading position in the Norwegian dairy market. However, anyone wishing to do so, may start production and export of cheese or any other dairy product.

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