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REPLIES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY NEW ZEALAND¹ CONCERNING THE ARTICLE XVII NOTIFICATION OF CYPRUS²

The following communication, dated 19 January 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Cyprus.

I have the honour to refer to the oral questions posed by New Zealand's Representative at the Meeting of the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises held on 13 November 1995 in connection with the Cyprus Milk Industry Organization and in reply to inform you of the following:

1. With regard to the statement at page six of Notification (G/STR/N/1/CYP): "In exceptional cases, however, some quantity of dairy products out of surpluses may be exported", please note the following:

This statement refers to one exceptional case whereby the Cyprus Milk Industry Organization was obliged to export some surpluses of Cyprus traditional cheese, namely halloumi, to one country due to the situation which arose during the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. In this case although the quality of local production was not affected, local consumption was adversely affected, due to psychological reasons, and surpluses were created. The products exported were sold at prices which prevailed in the export markets.

2. As a general rule however, the Organization is not involved in exports.

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