

COUNCIL

JAPAN - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF BEEF

WITHDRAWAL OF NEW ZEALAND COMPLAINT UNDER ARTICLE XXIII:2

Communication from New Zealand

The following communication, dated 6 July 1988, has been received from the Permanent Representative of New Zealand, with the request that in the light thereof, the matter be removed from the proposed agenda for the Council meeting on 20 July 1988.

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The Government of New Zealand wishes to refer to its communications L/6340 and L/6355 requesting consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES under Article XXIII of the matter of the restrictions maintained by Japan on the import of beef.

The restrictions maintained by Japan have been the subject of a number of discussions between New Zealand and Japan including consultations held under Article XXIII:1 on 3 June. These have resulted in an adjustment satisfactory to New Zealand. Accordingly, the Government of New Zealand wishes to withdraw its request to the Council of Representatives for a panel to review this matter.

The Government of New Zealand is pleased to note that the market opening measures that will lead to the total elimination of Japan's beef import quota on 1 April 1991 will be implemented in a manner consistent with the MFN principle of the GATT.