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CLASSIFICATION OF "HIGH FAT CREAM CHEESE" (RESERVATION BY AUSTRALIA)

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Reference documents:

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I. BACKGROUND

1. After the preparation of Docs. NC0287E1, NC0321E1 and NC0336E1, the Secretariat received, on 9 November 2000, the following Note from the International Dairy Federation (IDF):

II. NOTE FROM IDF

- 2. "IDF has noted the WCO decision to categorize two products (both with < 2 % P/DM) as dairy spreads.
- 3. Opinions vary on the issues and, in particular, with regard to the way of expressing the protein content in cheese. IDF experts have agreed to continue work on the expression of protein content and will examine the following options:

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- (i) protein on a dry matter basis
- (ii) protein on a fat free basis
- (iii) protein on mass basis

Further consideration of the options "protein/moisture" and "protein/milk solids" was abandoned.

A final report is due in early 2001."

III. CONCLUSION

4. The Committee is invited to take account of the above Note from the IDF when it examines this Agenda item.