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UK PRESIDENCY OF THE COMMUNITY:
INTERNAL MARKET ACTION PROGRAMME

You sent me a copy of your letter of 24 June to Geoffrey Howe. ✓ at HOP

I accept the need to accelerate work on the internal market in the Agriculture Council during our Presidency. Arthur Cockfield has made much the same point to me and I will be discussing the matter with him shortly.

I intend to make a statement of my Presidency plans at the start of the forthcoming Agriculture Council on 14 July. There is much agricultural business to be pursued, but I will lay particular stress on the need to make progress on the internal market. I have it in mind to hand round a short note to my colleagues indicating the list of internal market items to which I will be attaching priority. A preliminary indication of the list is attached to this letter. ...

As to the idea of devoting one Agriculture Council meeting primarily to the internal market, I do not rule this out at this stage. This could be a sensible objective for the October or November Councils; but much depends on progress at working level. I must also emphasise that, apart from internal market items, there are several major and complex areas of work - some of them subject to deadlines - on which progress is extremely important. I cannot neglect these areas if discussion would be timely at the October or November Councils.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Members of OD(E), John Moore and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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LIST FOR MINISTER TO HAND ROUND AT 14/15 JULY COUNCIL

INTERNAL MARKET ITEMS TO WHICH THE UK PRESIDENCY WILL BE GIVING PRIORITY WITH A VIEW TO DECISION AT THE DECEMBER COUNCIL AT THE LATEST

Numbering, order and description is based on the Dutch Rolling Presidency Action Programme of 18 June (7724/86).

15. Production and Trade in Medicated Feedingstuffs.
17. Personnel responsible for [meat] inspection.
20. Control of residues [in meat].
24. Semen of animals.
26. - Amendment of Directive 77/99/EEC on meat products.
- Imports of meat products from third countries (animal and public health).
31. Proposal for a Directive concerning the fixing of guidelines for the evaluation of additives used in animal feedingstuffs.
33. Proposal to amend the Annex to Directive 76/895/EEC concerning residues of pesticides on and in fruit and vegetables (ethoxyquin and diphenylamine).
35. Proposal for the improvement of Community systems of certification of seeds.
50. Definition of spirituous beverages and aromatized wines.
51. General Directive on food additives (partial amendment of existing directives).
52. General Directive on materials and articles in contact with food (amendment).

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53. General Directive on food for particular nutritional use (amendment).
54. General Directive on food labelling (amendment).
55. General Directive on quick-frozen food.
56. Flavourings.
57. Extraction Solvents.
58. Preservatives (amendment).
60. Cocoa and Chocolate - consolidation.
64. Jams etc (amendment).

Note: Need to establish position on 19, 25, 30, 66 and 67.

[Possible addition of one or two other items for presentational reasons?].

