

ARTICLE IV

Exchange Arrangements

SURVEILLANCE: PROCEDURES—IMPLEMENTATION OF THREE-MONTH PERIOD

The Executive Board approves the proposed method of applying the three-month rule for implementing the procedures for surveillance, set forth in EBD/83/161 [below].

Decision No. 7427-(83/83)

June 8, 1983

Attachment

EBD/83/161

The document entitled "Surveillance over Exchange Rate Policies," attached to Decision No. 5392-(77/63), includes certain Procedures for surveillance. Of these, Procedure II states that "Not later than three months after the termination of discussions between the member and the staff, the Executive Board shall reach conclusions and thereby complete the consultation under Article IV." This three-month period begins from the last day of discussions between the authorities and the staff mission and it is counted off on a calendar basis. Accordingly, the first Board day (viz., Monday, Wednesday, or Friday) upon the completion of the three-month period is regarded as the deadline for Executive Board discussion. Sometimes Executive Board consideration and completion of the Article IV consultation are delayed beyond the three-month deadline (see SM/83/43, 3/1/83, pp. 29-30), and in such cases, Board approval is usually sought on a lapse-of-time basis for an extension of the period. The procedure is administered flexibly in the sense that if Board

discussion is scheduled just one or two Board days after the deadline, the three-month waiver paper seeking Board approval is not necessarily circulated.

However, there are certain periods during the year when Board meetings would normally be avoided for the convenience of Executive Directors. For example, in 1983 Board meetings were not scheduled in the weeks of February 7–11 and April 25–29 because of Interim and Development Committee meetings, respectively. For the same reason, Board meetings are not likely to be scheduled during August 8–19, 1983 because of the informal Board recess and during approximately September 16–30 because of the Annual Meetings and ancillary meetings, including caucus meetings. It would be appropriate and convenient to recognize these recurrent and normal gaps in the Board's schedule when applying the three-month rule. Accordingly, if a three-month deadline falls in a period such as one of those mentioned above when a Board meeting would normally not be scheduled, the Friday of the week immediately following such a period would be regarded as the applicable deadline for the purposes of the rule. . . .

SURVEILLANCE OVER EXCHANGE RATE POLICIES: REVIEW

The Executive Board has reviewed the document "Surveillance over Exchange Rate Policies" as provided in paragraph 2 of the Executive Board Decision No. 5392-(77/63), adopted April 29, 1977, and will review it again at an appropriate time not later than April 1, 1986.

Decision No. 7645-(84/40)

March 12, 1984

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCEDURES FOR SURVEILLANCE: REVIEW

The Executive Board has reviewed the procedures relating to the general implementation of the Fund's surveillance over

members' exchange rate policies, as required by paragraph VI of *Procedures for Surveillance* in the document "Surveillance over Exchange Rate Policies" referred to in Decision No. 7645-(84/40), including the procedures for the conduct of consultations under Article IV, which consultations shall comprehend the consultations under Article VIII and Article XIV, and approves the continuation of the procedures as described in SM/84/44, in the light of the Managing Director's summing up, until the next annual review, which shall be conducted not later than April 1, 1985.

Decision No. 7646-(84/40)

March 12, 1984