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Working Party on State Trading Enterprises

STATE TRADING

Updating Notifications Pursuant to Article XVII:4(a) of the GATT 1994 and Paragraph 1 of the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII

1. Pursuant to Article XVII:4(a) of the GATT 1994 and Paragraph 1 of the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII, Members shall notify their state trading enterprises to the Council for Trade in Goods in accordance with the following working definition of such enterprises:

"Governmental and non-governmental enterprises, including marketing boards, which have been granted exclusive or special rights or privileges, including statutory or constitutional powers, in the exercise of which they influence through their purchases or sales the level or direction of imports or exports."

2. In accordance with the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their twentieth session (BISD 11S/58), Members should submit every third year, new and full responses to the questionnaire on state trading (BISD 9S/184) and bring these notifications up to date in the intervening years. In accordance with the decision of the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises on 6 April 1995, the deadline for such notifications is 30 June of the respective year.

3. **Members are therefore requested to submit updating notifications by 30 June 2000.**

4. Members are reminded that new and full notifications were due on 30 September 1998 (G/STR/N/4). Members which have not yet submitted the new and full notification are requested to do so without further delay.

5. Notifications received in response to the above request will be issued in the G/STR/N/6 series under the respective Member codes.
