

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## Working Party on State Trading Enterprises

### STATE TRADING

#### 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. Members are required to submit every third year new and full notifications on state trading and bring these notifications up to date in the intervening years. Members are therefore invited to submit for 2003 updating responses to the questionnaire on state trading (G/STR/3).

3. The deadline for submission of the 2003 updating notifications is **30 June 2003**.

4. Members are reminded that new and full notifications were due on 29 June 2001 (G/STR/N/7). Members which have not yet submitted the new and full notification are requested to do so without further delay.

5. Responses to the above request will be issued, as received, in the G/STR/N/9 series under the respective country codes.

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