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BACKGROUND DOCUMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT1

State Trading Enterprises

Addendum

This addendum refers to and must be read in conjunction with document G/AG/W/125/Rev.19. It provides information on Members' agricultural exporting State Trading Enterprises (STEs), as described in Part D of document G/AG/W/125/Rev.19.

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Colombia	Notification G/STR/N/16/COL circulated on 1 June 2017
Costa Rica	 Reply to questionnaire circulated on 17 January 2023 Notification G/STR/N/19/CRI circulated on 19 December 2022
Dominica	Notification G/STR/N/4/DMA, G/STR/N/5/DMA and G/STR/N/6/DMA circulated on 15 February 2001
Dominican Republic	 Reply to questionnaire circulated on 17 January 2023 Notification G/STR/N/19/DOM circulated on 9 August 2022
Ecuador	 Reply to Questionnaire circulated on 25 October 2018 Notification G/STR/N/16/ECU circulated on 6 July 2018
Fiji	Notification G/STR/N/4/FJI circulated on 19 February 1999
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Indonesia	 Reply to Questionnaire circulated on 17 January 2023 Notification G/STR/N/19/IDN circulated on 28 February 2023
Israel	 Reply to Questionnaire circulated on 17 January 2023 Notification G/STR/N/18/ISR circulated on 19 September 2022
New Zealand	 Reply to Questionnaire circulated on 17 January 2023 Notification G/STR/N/19/NZL circulated on 12 July 2022
Thailand	 Reply to Questionnaire circulated on 17 January 2023 Notification G/STR/N/19/THA circulated on 4 July 2022
Tunisia	Notifications G/STR/N/15/TUN and G/STR/N/16/TUN circulated on 8 June 2016 and G/STR/N/15/TUN/Suppl.1 and G/STR/N/16/TUN/Suppl.1 circulated on 14 March 2017

Australia

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE						
A. NAME	B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)				
The Rice Marketing Board for the State of New South Wales (NSW).	Rice grown in the Australian state of New South Wales [HS 1006]. Rice grown in other Australian states or territories is not affected.	[HS 1006]				

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise.

The objectives of the Rice Marketing Board NSW include:

- (1) to encourage the development of a competitive domestic market for rice;
- (2) to ensure the best possible returns from NSW-grown rice sold outside Australia, based on the quality differentials or attributes of Australian-grown rice;
- (3) to liaise with and represent the interests of all NSW rice growers in relation to the Board's functions and objects.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers.

NSW Rice Marketing Act 1983.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise.

All rice grown in New South Wales (NSW) is divested from producers and becomes the property of the Rice Marketing Board NSW (the Board) under a vesting proclamation. The Board is permitted to issue Authorised Buyers licenses, which allow license holders to buy, hold, store and sell NSW-grown rice in the domestic market. Authorised Buyers are appointed by the Board and any applicant is eligible to become an Authorised Buyer, subject only to the Board's discretion to refuse an application where it has reason to believe that the applicant will breach the conditions of appointment. These conditions primarily relate to the restriction on the export of NSW-grown rice. The Rice Marketing Board NSW also issues a separate but related Sole and Exclusive Export License (SEEL) for the export of NSW-grown rice, which is currently issued to Ricegrowers Limited (trading as SunRice).

Authorised Buyers are able to freely buy and sell rice grown in NSW on the domestic Australian market. All sales contracts are entered into on a commercial basis. The domestic market is open to competition from rice imports, of which there are significant quantities annually. There are no tariffs or quantitative restrictions applied to Australian imports of rice (HS1006). The SEEL holder does not have special or exclusive privileges to import rice.

In April 2022, the NSW Government announced the continuation of rice vesting in NSW until 30 June 2027.

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise.

The Rice Marketing Act 1983 entitles the Rice Marketing Board NSW to award a single Authorised Buyer with the exclusive right to export rice grown in NSW.

Additional information subject to normal commercial confidentiality considerations

Table: Australian rice exports

Description of product(s)	Year (financial year 1 July – 30 June)	Total quantity* exported ('000 tonnes)	Value exported* (in million AUD)
Rice (HS 1006)	2015/16	316	397
Rice (HS 1006)	2016/17	218	171
Rice (HS 1006)	2017/18	353	368
Rice (HS 1006)	2018/19	244	299
Rice (HS 1006)	2019/20	94	116
Rice (HS 1006)	2020/21	25	39
Rice (HS 1006)	2021/22	158	223

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES), Agricultural commodities: March quarter 2023.

^{*} Based on ABARES estimates. Includes the milled equivalent of rice flour. New South Wales produces more than 99% of Australian rice. Major export destinations for Australian rice include Israel; Japan; Jordan; Korea, Republic of; New Zealand; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; and United Arab Emirates.

China

Consistent with the Bali Ministerial Declaration on Export Competition, Members shall continue to provide information on Agricultural Exporting State Trading Enterprises within the context of an annual examination process, based on the following structure:

1. Enumeration of State Trading Enterprises

- · Identification of state trading enterprises
- Description of products affected (including tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description)

According to China's accession protocol, the agricultural state trading export enterprises and products are listed as below.

Products	Tariff lines (HS2007)	State trading enterprises
Rice	10061011, 10061019, 10061091, 10061099, 10062010, 10062090, 10063010, 10063090, 10064010, 10064090	COFCO Group Co., Ltd. Jilin Food Group Import and Export Co., Ltd. Heilongjiang Beidahuang Agricultural Reclamation Group Corporation
Corn	10051000, 10059000, 11042300	4. Dongfang Desheng Grain Import and Export Co., Ltd. (corn only)
Tobacco	24011010, 24011090, 24012010, 24012090, 24013000, 24021000, 24022000, 24029000, 24031100, 24031900, 24039100, 24039900	Please refer to the Announcement No. 44 of 2001 of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation 1. China Tobacco International Inc. 2. China Tobacco Imp. & Exp. Liaoning Corporation 3. China Tobacco Heilongjiang Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 4. China Tobacco Shanghai Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 5. China Tobacco Imp. & Exp. Fujian Co., Ltd. 6. China Tobacco Shandong Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 7. China Tobacco Henan Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 8. China Tobacco Hubei Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 9. China Tobacco Imp. & Exp. Hunan Co., Ltd. 10. China Tobacco Guangdong Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 11. China Tobacco Guizhou Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 12. China Tobacco Guizhou Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 13. China Tobacco Jimp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 14. Jilin Tobacco Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 15. Zhejiang Tobacco Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 16. Shenzhen Tobacco Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 17. Shaanxi Tobacco Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 18. Xinjiang Tobacco Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 19. Yunnan Tobacco International Co., Ltd.
Cotton	52010000, 52030000	China National Textile and Apparel Group Co., Ltd. Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Cotton and Linen Company Xinjiang Yinlong Agricultural International Cooperation Co., Ltd. China Reserve Cotton Management Corporation

2. Reason and purpose

- · Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise
- Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers

Maintain stable supply of products subject to state trading, protect the interests of consumers against the impact of price fluctuations and safeguard national food security.

Legal basis: "Foreign Trade Law of the People's Republic of China", "Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Administration of Import and Export of Goods", "Catalogue of Goods under State Trading Administration of Export" (Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Announcement No. 28, 2001), "Catalogue of Enterprises of State Trading Export" (Foreign Economic

and Trade Ministry Announcement No. 28 of 2001), "Tobacco Monopoly Law of the People's Republic of China".

3. Description of the functioning of the State Trading Enterprise

- Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise
- Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise

State trading enterprises conduct business activities independently based on commercial considerations under market conditions.

State trading enterprises enjoy exclusive rights in the exportation of rice, corn, tobacco, and cotton.

Additional information subject to normal commercial confidentiality considerations

- 1. Exports (value/volume)
- 2. Export prices
- 3. Export destination

Products	Year	Export Destinations	Volume (Tonnes)
Rice	2021	Korea, Republic of; Sierra Leone; Türkiye; Papua New Guinea; Guinea; Cameroon	2,365,000
	2022	Egypt; Türkiye; Korea, Republic of; Sierra Leone; Papua New Guinea; Puerto Rico	2,100,000
Tobacco	2021	Indonesia; Viet Nam; Belgium; United Arab Emirates; Philippines; France	216,000
	2022	Indonesia; Belgium; United Arab Emirates; Viet Nam; Philippines; Belize	240,000

Note: The export value and prices are not available due to commercial confidentiality.

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Unit: thousand tonnes unless Otherwise Specified

Description of product(s)	HS Code	State Trading Enterprises or Reference Documents	Year	Total Export Quantity	Quantity exported by state trading enterprise (1,000 tonnes)	Average procurement price	Average representative domestic sales price	Average export price	National production
				(1,000 tonnes)					(1,000 tonnes)
Rice	10061021 10061029 10061081 10061089 10062020 10062080 10063020 10063080 10064020 10064080	COFCO Corporation Jilin Grain Group Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. Heilongjiang Beidahuang Agriculture Group Corporation	2018 2019 2020	2,089.30 2,747.50 2,304.27	2,089.30 2,747.50 2,304.27	Not Available Not Available Not Available	Not Available Not Available Not Available	Not Available Not Available Not Available	212,129 209,614 211,860
Corn	10051000 10059000 11042300	1. COFCO Corporation 2. Jilin Grain Group Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. 3. Heilongjiang Beidahuang Agriculture Group Corporation 4. Beijing Oriental Desheng Import and Export Co., Ltd.	2018 2019 2020	12.02 25.70 2.51	12.02 25.70 2.51	Not Available Not Available Not Available	Not Available Not Available Not Available	Not Available Not Available Not Available	257,174 260,779 260,665
Tobacco	24011010 24011090 24012010 24012090 24013000 24021000 24022000 24029000 24031100 24039100 24039100 24039900 48131000 48132000 48132000 48132000 48139000 55021010 56012210 84781000 84789000	As listed in MOFTEC Announcement No. 44 of 2001	2018 2019 2020 2018 2019 2020	300.60 323.67 289.56 (1,000,000 pieces) 28,666.96 29,502.20 19,257.32	300.60 323.67 289.56 (1,000,000 pieces) 28,666.96 29,502.20 19,257.32	Not Available Not Available Not Available	Not Available Not Available Not Available	Not Available Not Available Not Available	(billion pieces) 2,338 2,364 2,386

Description of product(s)	HS Code	State Trading Enterprises or Reference Documents	Year	Total Export Quantity (1,000 tonnes)	Quantity exported by state trading enterprise (1,000 tonnes)	Average procurement price	Average representative domestic sales price	Average export price	National production (1,000 tonnes)
Cotton	52010000 52030000	Chinatex Corporation Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Cotton and Jute Import & Export Co. Xinjiang Yin Long International Agriculture Cooperation Co., Ltd. China National Cotton Reserves Corporation	2018 2019 2020	47.34 52.14 4.73	47.34 52.14 4.73	Not Available Not Available Not Available	Not Available Not Available Not Available	Not Available Not Available Not Available	6,103 5,889 5,910

Colombia

I. ENUMERATION OF	I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE							
A. NAME	B. DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)						
FÁBRICA DE LICORES Y ALCOHOLES DE	Aguardiente Antioqueño (<i>aguardiente</i> or sugar-cane liquor)	2208.40.00.00						
ANTIOQUIA ²	Aguardiente Antioqueño sin Azúcar (sugar-free aguardiente)	2208.40.00.00						
	Aguardiente Real 1493	2208.40.00.00						
	Ron Medellín Añejo (aged rum)	2208.40.00.00						
	Vodka Monteskaya	2208.60.00.00						
	Licor de Menta (mint liqueur)	2208.70.90.00						
	Licor de Café (coffee liqueur)	2208.70.90.00						
	Ron Cream Siboney (rum cream liqueur)	2208.70.20.00						
	Ron Maestro Botero (rum)	2208.40.00.00						
	Ron Maestro Gabo (rum)	2208.40.00.00						
	Ginebra Katia (gin)	2208.50.00.00						

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

Pursuant to Article 336 of the Political Constitution of Colombia, the only legal monopolies are those established under the law as a means of revenue generation in the public and social interest. The revenue obtained from the exercise of the alcoholic beverages monopoly is thus primarily earmarked for the health and education services. Article 61 of Law No. 14 of 1983 delegates the exercise of the revenue-generating alcoholic beverages monopoly to the departments.

Under this legal framework, production of alcoholic beverages by the State trading enterprises is at departmental level.

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise.

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- The production and subsequent sale of alcoholic beverages generate direct revenue for the departmental tax authorities.
- Profits go to the departments, not to a private entity.
- The enterprises provide the departments with a significant source of income which is invested in deprived areas of the country.
- lob creation

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers.

Under Article 336 of the Political Constitution of Colombia, Article 61 of Law No. 14 of 1983, Decree No. 1222 of 1986, Decree No. 244 of 1906, Law No. 223 of 1995, Law No. 788 of 2002 and Law No. 1393 of 2010, the departments, i.e. the territorial divisions of the country, are independent administrators of the alcoholic beverages monopoly designed to generate revenue for preferential allocation to education and health services.

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B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON AGUARDIENTE AND RUM EXPORTS STATE TRADING: FÁBRICA DE LICORES Y ALCOHOLES DE ANTIOQUIA

Millions of 750 cc units

Year	Description of product (including HS number)	Quantity exported by State trading enterprise	Average procurement price USD	Average representative domestic sales price USD	Average export price USD
2014	22.08.40.00.00	3.3	6	10.5	6
2015	22.08.40.00.00	3.5	4.5	8	4.5

Source: Asociación Colombiana de Industrias Licorera, ACIL (Colombian Distillers' Association).

² Distillery attached to the department.

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE							
A. NAME	B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)					
INDUSTRIA	Aguardiente Cristal	2208.40.00.00					
LICORERA	Aguardiente Amarillo de Manzanares (yellow <i>aguardiente</i>)	2208.40.00.00					
DE CALDAS ³	Aguardiente Cristal sin Azúcar (sugar-free aguardiente)	2208.40.00.00					
	Aguardiente Cristal XS (low-alcohol aguardiente)	2208.40.00.00					
	Ron Viejo de Caldas (aged rum)	2208.40.00.00					
	Ron Extraviejo Juan de la Cruz (extra-aged rum)	2208.40.00.00					
	Ron Carta de Oro (extra-aged rum)	2208.40.00.00					
	Ron Reserva Especial (special reserve rum)	2208.40.00.00					
	Crema de Ron Cheers (rum cream liqueur)	2208.70.20.00					
	Crema de Café Kaldi (coffee liqueur)	2208.70.20.00					

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON AGUARDIENTE AND RUM EXPORTS STATE TRADING: INDUSTRIA LICORERA DE CALDAS

Millions of 750 cc units

Year	Description of product (including HS number)	Quantity exported by State trading enterprise	Average procurement price USD	Average representative domestic sales price USD	Average export price USD
2014	2208.40.00.00	0.43	2.1	6.6	2.1
2015	2208.40.00.00	0.78	2.1	5.5	2.1

Source: Asociación Colombiana de Industrias Licoreras, ACIL (Colombian Distillers' Association).

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A. NAME	B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)					
EMPRESA DE LICORES DE	Aguardiente Néctar Azul	2208.40.00.00					
CUNDINAMARCA ⁴	Aguardiente Néctar Tradicional	2208.40.00.00					
	Licor Anisado Néctar Club sin Azúcar	2208.90.42.00					
	(sugar-free anise-flavoured liqueur)						
	Aguardiente Néctar Tradicional sin Azúcar	2208.40.00.00					
	(sugar-free <i>aguardiente</i>)						
	Aguardiente Néctar Premium (premium	2208.40.00.00					
	aguardiente)						
	Ron Blanco Sun Dry (white rum)	2208.40.00.00					
	Ron Santafé Añejo (aged rum)	2208.40.00.00					
	Licor Anisado 180 (anise-flavoured liqueur)	2208.90.42.00					
	Ron Santafé Nido de Cóndores (rum)	2208.40.00.00					

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON AGUARDIENTE AND RUM EXPORTS STATE TRADING: EMPRESA DE LICORES DE CUNDINAMARCA

Millions of 750 cc units

Year	Description of product (including HS number)	Quantity exported by State trading enterprise	Average procurement price USD	Average representative domestic sales price USD	Average export price USD
2014	2208.40.00.00	0.03	2.3	6.8	2.3
2015	2208.40.00.00	0.01	2	5.3	2

Source: Asociación Colombiana de Industrias Licoreras, ACIL (Colombian Distillers' Association).

⁴ State industrial and trading enterprise.

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE						
A. NAME	B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)				
INDUSTRIA DE LICORES DEL VALLE DEL CAUCA ⁵	Aguardiente Blanco del Valle (white aguardiente)	2208.40.00.00				
	Ron Trapiche Premium (premium rum)	2208.40.00.00				
	Aguardiente Origen del Valle 2208.40.00.00					
	Ron Marqués del Valle (rum)	2208.40.00.00				
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STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON AGUARDIENTE AND RUM EXPORTS STATE TRADING: INDUSTRIA LICORERA DEL VALLE

Millions of 750 cc units

Year	Description of product (including HS number)	Quantity exported by State trading enterprise	Average procurement price USD	Average representative domestic sales price USD	Average export price USD
2014	2208.40.00.00	0.28	3.6	8.1	3.6
2015	2208.40.00.00	0.20	2.6	6	2.6

Source: Asociación Colombiana de Industrias Licoreras, ACIL (Colombian Distillers' Association).

⁵ State industrial and trading enterprise.

Costa Rica

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

The Agro-Industrial Sugar Cane League (*Liga Agrícola Industrial de la Caña de Azúcar*, LAICA) is a non-State public entity, with its own legal personality, that is subject to public law in the exercise of its legal powers and duties and to private law in the conduct of its marketing and other corporate activities.

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

LAICA was created under Law No. 3579 of 4 November 1965. This law was amended by the Organic Law on Sugar Cane Agriculture and the Sugar Industry (Law No. 7818 of 2 September 1998) and amendments thereto, with a view to improving LAICA's operational effectiveness and efficiency.

The provisions of Law No. 7818 seek to maintain equitable relations between cane producers and sugar mills in order to guarantee each sector a reasonable and fair share, and to organize, in the interests of the industry's development and stability, the various factors involved in the production of sugar cane and the manufacturing and sale of sugar cane products.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

LAICA has two divisions: the Corporate Division, governed by public law, and the Marketing Division, governed by private law.

The Corporate Division is managed by a Board of Directors made up of eight members, comprising the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, the Minister of the Economy, Industry and Trade, three members appointed by the sugar industry, and three appointed by the cane sector.

The Marketing Division is under the responsibility of the Marketing Board, which is made up of six members.

The activities under LAICA's responsibility include the marketing of sugar and the by-products of sugar cane processing.

Regarding the quality control and marketing of the product, Law No. 7818 of 2 September 1998 and its amendments establish the variables that determine the quality of sugar intended for export, and set out LAICA's role in the inspection process, with a view to ensuring the quality of sugar exports (Articles 141-143).

Under Article 9(f), LAICA is responsible for establishing and allocating the national sugar production quota on an annual basis. This quota is equivalent to the domestic sugar consumption recorded in the previous season, multiplied by a fixed factor of 1.5. It is allocated among the mills in proportion to the reference quotas. The individual production quotas establish the amount and type of sugar to be produced within the national sugar production quota for domestic consumption, export or stockpiling.

The export quota is divided among the various export markets in consultation with the industry. If it benefits the industry, and subject to the conditions prevailing on the markets, the Board of Directors may order that the sugar included in the quota be replaced by alcohol.

Written contracts, duly registered with LAICA, are indispensable for sugar exports. Exports must comply with the individual guotas granted for the corresponding sugar crop year.

The Board of Directors determines the periods during which the sugar included in each mill's export quota, destined for preferential markets or markets that are covered by international agreements approved by Costa Rica, may be exported.

Before authorizing sugar exports, LAICA must ensure that they are in conformity with the established quota system and that they do not violate any international agreements concluded by Costa Rica or affect or impede proper compliance with the quotas granted to Costa Rica in the international sugar markets.

Exporters are also required to inform LAICA of the real price of the sugar exported, and LAICA has the authority to reject any sugar export transactions that involve a sales price lower than the prevailing international market prices.

In addition to registering their contracts, exporters must also ensure they are entered in the register kept by LAICA for that purpose, and to that end must provide general data concerning the natural or legal person in question.

TABLE I.1 - STATE TRADING: STATISTICAL INFORMATION, IMPORTS

LAICA does not import; it only reported imports in 2017 (190.4 tonnes) and 2018 (200 tonnes) under the preferential quota for non-originating sugar under the Costa Rica-Canada free trade agreement.

TABLE I.2 - STATE TRADING: STATISTICAL INFORMATION, EXPORTS

Description of product(s)	Year*	Total quantity exported* (50 kg sacks)	Quantity exported by state trading enterprise (in 50 kg sacks)	Average procurement price (per 50 kg sack of sugar) (CRC)	Average representative domestic sales price (per 50 kg sack of sugar) (CRC)	Average export price (per 50 kg sack of sugar) (USD)	National production** (in 50 kg sacks)
Sugar	2017-2018	4,167,164.84	4,167,164.84	15,201.38	22,305.07	22.67	8,341,283.44
17.01	2018-2019	4,047,299.84	4,047,299.84	14,935.22	22,487.32	18.73	8,559,911.24
	2019-2020	4,006,916.75	4,006,916.75	14,752.96	22,696.69	18.73	8,534,552.51
	2020-2021	4,239,326.33	4,239,326.33	14,658.15	22,314.26	20.45	8,239,999.52

Source: LAICA.

* The sugar cane crop year runs from 1 October to 30 September.

** Does not include the production/exports of sugar companies with a low level of production in relation to the national total (LAICA represents over 95%).

TABLE I.3 - STATE TRADING: STATISTICAL INFORMATION, DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES

Description of product(s)	Year*	Domestic purchases by State trading enterprise (50 kg sacks)	National production** (50 kg sacks)	Domestic sales by State trading enterprise (50 kg sacks)	National consumption** (50 kg sacks)
Sugar	2017-2018	8,341,283	8,341,283	4,188,254	4,188,254
17.01	2018-2019	8,559,911	8,559,911	4,129,740	4,129,740
	2019-2020	8,534,553	8,534,553	3,947,333	3,947,333
	2020-2021	8,240,000	8,240,000	3,857,815	3,857,815

Source: LAICA.

* The sugar cane crop year runs from 1 October to 30 September.

** Does not include the production/consumption of sugar companies with a low level of production in relation to the national total (LAICA represents over 95%).

Dominica

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE					
A. NAME	B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)			
Dominica Banana and	The DBMC is the sole purchaser of				
Marketing Corporation	bananas for export to countries outside of				
(DBMC)	the Caribbean area.				

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers

The Dominica Banana Marketing Corporation was established under the DBMC Act 1984 which defines objectives of the corporation as to promote the well-being of the banana grower and to ensure the financial viability of the banana industry.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise

The Corporation is the sole purchaser of bananas for export to countries outside of the Caribbean area and it shall be the duty of the corporation to:

- Carry on its business operation in a cost effective and commercial manner for the benefit of the banana industry, while bearing in mind the national interest;
- Take all necessary or desirable measures for the development of the banana industry;
- Encourage and facilitate the participation of private enterprises in all sectors of the banana industry;
- Purchase or arrange to have purchased all bananas of non-regional exportable quality produced in Dominica;
- Ensure the most favourable arrangements for the benefit of the industry in connection with the purchase, sale, handling, storing, exporting packing, processing and marketing of bananas.
- B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise

Dominican Republic

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE					
A. NAME	B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)			
Instituto de Estabilización de Precios (INESPRE)	INESPRE is vested with the authority to select the products that come within its scope of action.				

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise

At the outset, the main activities of INESPRE were: marketing and direct purchase from producers, through which it intervened in the setting of market prices; stimulation of production; and imports of agricultural products to supply the national market. As for many years in the past, its current operations consist of:

- a) providing agricultural producers with physical infrastructure for both cold and natural storage, on loan or lease, to enable them to cope with fluctuations in market behaviour;
- b) encouraging the establishment of markets in which the country's agricultural producers can market their crops, reducing the role of intermediaries and also benefiting consumers;
- c) establishing the price and market information system;
- d) encouraging the establishment of packing centres in the producing areas as a means of increasing the added value of agricultural production;
- e) establishing strategic reserves of sensitive products;
- f) facilitating the installation of rural IT centres for organized producer groups;
- g) identifying and promoting new investment opportunities in the area of agricultural marketing;
- h) establishing training and education centres for producers.

INESPRE programmes and services:

- Agri-markets: operates at different points in the country with outlets suited for sales. The programme provides for the refurbishment of the physical facilities of these establishments, the repair of damaged equipment, the incorporation of necessary equipment, the restocking of goods, the establishment of an efficient, capable and highly autonomous administration, as well as the creation of an initial capitalization fund
- Producers' markets: supports sales and local producers by providing an organized trade platform. This is a
 market or fair where producers and consumers meet for trading. The advantage of this type of activity is
 that producers can sell their crops directly to consumers. For the latter, this is extremely beneficial as they
 can acquire goods without the costs related to intermediaries.
- Mobile stores: aims to reach families living in extreme poverty, such as bateyes (sugar worker communities) and families in very depressed areas where producers' markets cannot be held.
- Fixed stores: offers agricultural products to the final consumer without the use of intermediaries, in dedicated fixed physical spaces, ensuring good prices and substantial benefits to producers.
- Training in agricultural marketing: Training in agricultural marketing: provides information for small and medium-sized producers on the post-harvest phase and product quality, safety and marketing.
- Agricultural laboratory services: determines the quality and safety of agricultural products when required by public and private institutions that market, distribute and use the products.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers

For more information, visit: National Price Stabilization Institute.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise

Ecuador

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE					
A. NAME B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION					
National Warehousing Unit (UNA EP).	The National Warehousing Unit mainly handles yellow flint maize, rice and cereals.				

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise.

The National Warehousing Unit is chiefly responsible for the temporary warehousing and domestic marketing of agricultural products, in particular yellow flint maize, rice and cereals, the management of strategic food reserves, and support for the marketing and distribution of inputs. Its activities are geared towards implementing the food sovereignty mandate enshrined in the Constitution. In practice, this enterprise participates, as a priority, in low and high volume domestic marketing.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers.

- Constitution of the Republic of Ecuador, Articles 281 and 315 (Food Sovereignty Regime and Establishment of State-Owned Enterprises);
- Organic Law on the Food Sovereignty Regime (LORSA);
- · Organic Law on State-Owned Enterprises;
- Executive Decree No. 12 of 30 May 2013; and
- Executive Decree No. 821 of 17 November 2015.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise.

The National Warehousing Unit is an enterprise which focuses – exclusively – on support for the domestic marketing of agricultural staples for food sovereignty purposes, the management of temporary warehousing, and transport and marketing of the harvest. The agricultural commodities in question are purchased from small producers at domestic market prices.

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise. Not applicable.

Additional information subject to normal commercial confidentiality considerations STATISTICAL INFORMATION (SEE TABLE ATTACHED)

The National Warehousing Unit has not participated in the export or import of these commodities. However, other operators have been recorded as engaging in foreign trade operations involving the products handled by the UNA EP.

TABLE - STATE TRADING: NATIONAL WAREHOUSING UNIT

STATISTICAL INFORMATION, EXPORTS

Description of product(s) (including HS number(s))	Crop year	Total quantity exported (tonnes)	Quantity exported by state trading enterprise (1)	Average procurement price (USD/tonne) (1)	Average representative domestic sales price (USD/tonne)	Average export price (2)	National production (tonnes)
Yellow flint maize	2015	106	0	n/a	410	n/a	1,734,000
Yellow flint maize	2016	22	0	n/a	1,146	n/a	1,319,000
Rice	2015	1,112	0	n/a	909	n/a	1,786,000
Rice	2016	207	0	n/a	1,095	n/a	1,715,000
Cereals	2015	1,438	0	n/a	3,850	n/a	11,681
Cereals	2016	1,771	0	n/a	2,707	n/a	8,517

Not applicable, the State trading enterprise does not engage in exportation. Not applicable, the State trading enterprise does not engage in exportation. (1) (2)

Fiji

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE						
A. NAME	B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)				
Fiji Sugar Corporation (FSC)	Raw Sugar and Molasses					
TT DEACON AND DUDDOCE						

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise.

The FSC was established to develop and manage Fiji's sugar industry including all aspects of production and marketing.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers.

FSC was incorporated by an Act of Parliament in 1972 to take over all milling activities in the industry. Under the Sugar Industry Tribunal Master award, the FSC is responsible for the marketing of sugar and molasses

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise.

The FSC is engaged in the export of raw sugar and molasses through its marketing arm, the Fiji Sugar Marketing Company Limited (FSM).

- Sugar is exported to the UK under the Sugar Protocol (LOME Convention). Exports to Malaysia are made
 under a bilateral agreement, while exports to Finland and Portugal are under Special Preferential Sugar
 (SPS) arrangement. Shipments to the US are made under the US global quota arrangement. Quantities
 and prices are either set under these agreements, or are on world market terms;
- Sugar is also exported to Japan, China, Singapore and the Republic of Korea on world market terms.
- **B.** Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise. Under the Master Award, the FSC has exclusive rights to export raw sugar and molasses.

Grenada

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE					
A. NAME	B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)			
Grenada Cocoa Association (GCA)	Cocoa Beans				

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise

The GCA is a Statutory Organization which was established in 1964 to provide for the future regulation and control of the production, processing and marketing of cocoa in Grenada.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers

The Grenada Cocoa Association was established by an Act of Parliament by the Government of Grenada which is the Grenada Cocoa Industry Ordinance Act 30 Of 1964 which was superseded by the Grenada Cocoa Industry Act No.4 of 1989.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise

The GCA is responsible for marketing, plant protection, and post-harvest handling including fermenting, drying and quality control, plant propagation, cocoa extension services and over site of cocoa husbandry on farmers' fields; also the GCA guarantees the purchase of all cocoa produced by farmers in Grenada.

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise GCA is the sole exporter of cocoa and determines prices paid to farmers.

GCA has exclusive rights to grant licences to local Agents to purchase cocoa beans from farmers.

Indonesia

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I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTREPRISE					
A. NAME B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)					
Perum BULOG, as State Trading	Rice	10 06			
Enterprise					

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise

- The purpose of establishing Perum BULOG as a State Trading Enterprise (STE), is to conduct good quality
 and sufficient staple food logistics businesses for all society's needs; and in some cases, to conduct
 particular tasks given by the Government in light of stabilizing staple food prices, managing government
 food reserves and distributing staple food to low income people, particularly rice and other staple food
 items determined by the Government in the pursuit of achieving national food security;
- In implementing its statutory functions, the agency engages in domestic procurement, sales/distribution, import/export and public stockholding.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers

The operations of Perum BULOG are governed by the recent State-Owned Enterprise Law No 19/2003, the provisions of Food Law No. 18/2012, the Presidential Instruction No. 5/2015 and the President Regulation No. 48/2016. BULOG was established under the Presidential Decree No. 114/U/Kep/5/1967. Since 2003 BULOG was transformed from a non-departmental government agency into a State-Owned Enterprise, namely Perum BULOG by Government Regulation No. 7/2003, as amended by Government Regulation No. 13/2016.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise

- Carrying out domestic paddy/rice procurement with the Government Purchase Price (HPP);
- Ensuring domestic rice price stabilization both at producer and consumer levels;
- Distributing rice for market operation, poor and vulnerable people, Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's), and victims of natural calamities and social conflicts;
- Maintaining national reserve stockholding for food security purposes;
- Undertake government mandate to import for price stabilization to ensure food security objective.

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise

- Undertake the government mandate to import/export and distribute rice, maintain national public stock for the price stabilization programme and food security purposes;
- In conducting its operation, Perum BULOG's source of funding comes from the state budget and commercial credit based on Government Regulations No. 13/2016.

Notification G/STR/N/19/IDN

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTREPRISE				
A. NAME B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)				
Perum BULOG, as State Trading Enterprise	Rice	10 06		

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise

- The purpose of establishing Perum BULOG as a State Trading Enterprise (STE), is to conduct good quality
 and sufficient staple food logistics businesses for all society's needs; and in some cases, to conduct
 particular tasks given by the Government in light of stabilizing staple food prices, managing government
 food reserves and distributing staple food to low income people, particularly rice and other staple food
 items determined by the Government in the pursuit of achieving national food security;
- In implementing its statutory functions, the agency engages in domestic procurement, sales/distribution, import/export and public stockholding.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers

The operations of Perum BULOG are governed by the recent State-Owned Enterprise Law No 19/2003, the provisions of Food Law No. 18/2012, the Presidential Instruction No. 5/2015 and the President Regulation No. 48/2016 and the Minister of Trade Regulation No.20/2020. BULOG was established under the Presidential Decree No. 114/U/Kep/5/1967. Since 2003 BULOG was transformed from a non-departmental government agency into a State-Owned Enterprise, namely Perum BULOG by Government Regulation No. 7/2003, as amended by Government Regulation No. 61/2003.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise

- Conducting domestic paddy/rice procurement;
- · Ensuring domestic rice price stabilization;
- Carrying out domestic paddy/rice procurement with the Government Purchase Price (HPP);
- Distributing rice for poor and vulnerable people, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), and victims of natural calamities and social conflicts;
- Maintaining national reserve stockholding for food security purposes;
- Undertake government mandate to import for price stabilization to ensure food security objective.

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise

- Undertake the government mandate to import/export and distribute rice, maintain national public stock for the price stabilization programme and food security purposes;
- In conducting its operation, Perum BULOG's source of funding comes from the state budget and commercial credit based on Government Regulations No. 13/2016.

Additional comment by Indonesia: as indicated in Indonesia's notification (G/STR/N/19/IDN), Perum BULOG as a state trading enterprise statutorily has an exporting function. However, since 1999 BULOG has not exported any commodities. The operation of BULOG consists mainly of domestic rice procurement and imports of rice for public stockholding for food security purposes.

Israel

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTREPRISE					
A. NAME	A. NAME B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)				
Israel Groundnuts Production	Groundnuts	12024100			
and Marketing Board (IGPMB)					

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise.

By law this Board is the sole exporter of groundnuts from Israel. This has not changed since its establishment in 1959.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers.

All activities of the IGPMB are based on the Groundnuts Production and Marketing Council Rules (Groundnuts Exportation) of 1963.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise.

The Councils targets, as stated in the Groundnuts Production and Marketing Council Law of 1959 are: to encourage the development of groundnut production, to plan cultivations, to concentrate marketing tasks and to provide with counselling measures for the ministers.

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise.

Groundnuts Production and Marketing Council Rules (Groundnuts Exportation) of 1963 entitles the IGPMB the exclusive right to export groundnuts from Israel.

Additional Information subject to normal commercial confidentiality considerations

Description of product(s)	Export value for state trading enterprise (million USD)	Quantity exported by state trading enterprise (metric tonnes)	Average export price (USD/MT)
Groundnuts			
2013	22.1	5,393	4,102
2014	22.0	6,011	3,660
2015	19.1	6,026	3,173
2016	22.9	7,030	3,254
2017	23.0	7,159	3,242
2018	22.0	6,364	3,429
2019	23.0	6,801	3,416
2020	24.0	7,483	3,240
2021	25.0	7,959	3,148
2022	19.648	6,238	3,150

Export destinations in 2022: Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Netherlands, Portugal, Malta.

Two other Marketing Boards have the legal authority to grant export licenses and/or to export specific agricultural products according to specific regulations issued by the Minister of Agriculture. These are The Egg and Poultry Board and The Plants Production and Marketing Board. Both Egg and Poultry and Plants Production and Marketing Boards are not actively engaged in export, but rather grant licenses to private exporting entities.

New Zealand

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE				
A. NAME B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)				
Zespri Group Limited	Kiwifruit	HS 08 10 50		
TT DEACON AND BURDOO	-			

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise.

The New Zealand Government maintains a State Trading Enterprise for kiwifruit exports so as to obtain the best commercial return from world markets for producers in New Zealand.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers.

The Kiwifruit Industry Restructuring Act 1999 and Kiwifruit Export Regulations 1999 provide the legal basis for a special export authority for Zespri Group Limited which is not accorded to other exporters of kiwifruit destined for markets other than Australia.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise.

The Kiwifruit Industry Restructuring Act was enacted in September 1999. On 1 April 2000 the Act converted the New Zealand Kiwifruit Marketing Board into a private company, Zespri Group Limited and distributed shares in Zespri Group Limited to kiwifruit growers.

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise. The promulgation of the Kiwifruit Export Regulations 1999 provides Zespri Group Limited with an automatic but not sole right to export kiwifruit. For the purposes of this questionnaire, Zespri is considered a State Trading Enterprise.

Zespri does not administer tariff rate quotas nor does it receive any trade-distorting subsidies, tax advantages, special financing, or preferential access to foreign exchange. It does not receive any specific support from the government based on its status as a State Trading Enterprise.

Additional Information subject to normal commercial confidentiality considerations

Description of product(s)	Average export value for state trading enterprise (NZD billion)	Quantity exported by state trading enterprise (thousand tonnes)	Average export price (NZD/kg)
Kiwifruit			
2010-11	0.925	353.200	2.63
2011-12	1.014	391.151	2.59
2012-13	1.022	357.505	2.86
2013-14	0.787	309.960	2.52
2014-15	1.002	342.720	2.89
2015-16	1.417	444.560	3.19
2016-17	1.661	501.461	3.31
2017-18	1.616	442.282	3.65
2018-19	2.194	535.564	4.10
2019-20	2.318	529.119	4.38
2020-21	2.622	562.821	4.66
2021-22	2.671	616.953	4.33

The export destinations for kiwifruit in the last four years in the table above were as follows:

American Samoa	Indonesia	Papua New Guinea
Antarctic	Israel	Philippines
Argentina	Italy	Qatar
Australia	Japan	Réunion
Bahrain, Kingdom of	Kiribati	Russian Federation
Brazil	Korea, Republic of	Samoa
Cambodia	Kuwait, the State of	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of
Canada	Malaysia	Singapore
China	Marshall Islands	Slovenia
Cook Islands	Mauritius	Solomon Islands
Costa Rica	Mexico	South Africa
Destination Unknown - EU	Micronesia	Spain
El Salvador	Myanmar	Chinese Taipei
Fiji	Nauru	Thailand
French Polynesia	Netherlands	Tonga
Greece	New Caledonia	United Arab Emirates
Guam	Niue	United States of America
Guatemala	Northern Mariana Islands	Vanuatu
Hong Kong, China	Palau, Republic of	Viet Nam
India	Panama	Wallis and Futuna

Thailand

1. Enumeration of STEs		
A. Name	B. Product	C. Tariff item number (s)
Public Warehouse	N/A.	N/A.
Organization (PWO)		

2. Reason and purpose

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining the STEs

PWO is a state-enterprise attached to the Ministry of Commerce. Its objective is to engage in all activities regarding agricultural goods and consumer products in order to implement the government policies and the business operation, as well as in service business connected with agricultural goods and consumer products.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional power

Royal Decree Establishing the Public Warehouse B.E.2498 allows the PWO to engage in all activities regarding agricultural goods and consumer products either the implementation in response to the government policies and the business operation, as well as in service business connected with agricultural goods and consumer products.

3. Description of the functioning of the STEs

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the STEs

PWO is responsible for the implementation regarding agricultural goods and consumer products in response to the government policies, mainly at the trade operation connected with agricultural goods and consumer products including importation and exportation, as well as warehouse business. PWO also allocates quantities of import under in-quota of certain agricultural products.

B. Sp	ecification of	exclusive or	special righ	its or privilege	s enjoyed by	the STEs
Niil						

- 1	INII				
	Product	Export Value	Export Volume	Export Price	Export
	Descriptions	(million USD)	(million pieces)		Destination
	No export activities	ς			

1. Enumeration of STEs		
A. Name	B. Product	C. Tariff item number (s)
Liquor Distillery Organization	Ethyl alcohol	2207.10.00
Excise Department		

2. Reason and purpose

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining the STEs

Liquor Distillery Organization Excise Department is empowered by the order of Ministry of Finance to be the sole producer of pure alcohol for the purposes of producing and distributing ethyl alcohol.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional power

The Liquor Act, B.E. 2493, authorized Liquor Distillery Organization Excise Department to be the sole producer and distributor of pure alcohol.

3. Description of the functioning of the STEs

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the STEs

The Liquor Distillery Organization Excise Department only deals with the production of pure alcohol to be distributed within the country. Presently, there is no export of pure alcohol by the Liquor Distillery Organization Excise Department due to the fact that production quantity of pure alcohol is not enough to export.

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the STEs

Liquor Distillery Organization Excise Department has been granted exclusive rights but no powers or influences through purchase or sales of imports or exports pure alcohol.

Product Descriptions	Export Value (million USD)	Export Volume (million pieces)	Export Price	Export Destination
No export activitie	c			

1. Enumeration of STEs					
A. Name	B. Product	C. Tariff item number (s)			
Tobacco Authority of Thailand (TOAT)	Cigarettes	2402.20.90			

2. Reason and purpose

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining the STEs

Tobacco Authority of Thailand (TOAT) is a state enterprise with a juristic person status under the Ministry of Finance, contributing revenue to the government and being classified in the industrial and commercial branch. TOAT is the only tobacco monopoly of cigarette manufacture and distribution. The organization's core business is to satisfy the needs of domestic tobacco consumers in different forms and diversify to other business sectors including export and provision of cigarette manufacture services for overseas partners gaining more income for the organization.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional power

Tobacco Authority of Thailand (TOAT) has been a juristic organization under the supervision of Ministry of Finance according to Tobacco Authority of Thailand Act, B.E. 2561 (2018) since 14th May 2018. TOAT shall have objectives to manufacture cigarettes which is the government's monopoly business according to the Excise Tax Act as well as other business.

3. Description of the functioning of the STEs

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the STEs

- 1) To operate an industry and business related to tobacco, tobacco leaves or products from other plants both within and outside the Kingdom
- 2) Being hired from manufacturing tobacco products for export outside the Kingdom
- 3) To operate a business related to equipment, tools or appliances related to the industry or business according to 1)
- 4) To promote a study, research, development and improvement of quality and standard for tobacco production, tobacco leaf products or products from other plants
- 5) To provide cooperation for government agencies in order to prevent and suppress offences related to tobacco, tobacco leaves or products from other plants
- 6) Operate other businesses related to cigarette production or other businesses according to 1), 2), 3), 4), and 5) or for TOAT's interest.

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the STEs

Nil.				
Product Descriptions	Export Value (million USD)	Export Volume	Export Price	Export Destination
Cigarettes (2402.20.90)	Nil	148.21 (Million Pieces)	Nil	Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Israel, New Zealand
Unmanufactured tobacco (2401)	Nil	3,480 (Tonnes)	Nil	United Arab Emirates, Jordan

Tunisia

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE					
A. NAME	B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)			
National Tobacco and	Cigarettes; Cigars; Pipe tobacco and	240220; 240210; 240399; 360100;			
Matches Agency	tumbak; Gunpowder; Playing cards;	950440; 360500; 240399; 240110			
(RNTA)	Matches; Snuff (Neffa); Leaf tobacco				

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise

The National Tobacco and Matches Agency has the monopoly on tobacco marketing.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers

Under Law No. 64-57 of 28 December 1964.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise

The RNTA grows tobacco, imports leaf tobacco, cigarettes, cigars and pipe tobacco, manufactures cigarettes, cigars, snuff and pipe tobacco, buys and sells matches, playing cards and gunpowder, and exports leaf tobacco (snuff and smoking tobacco), cigarettes and snuff (Neffa).

It distributes its products on the domestic market.

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise Under Law No. 64-57 of 28 December 1964, the RNTA is responsible for operating for the benefit of the State the fiscal monopoly over tobacco, matches, playing cards and any other product for which responsibility may be assigned to it by the State.

Since 1981, the RNTA has exercised this activity in conjunction with the Kairouan Tobacco Factory (Manufacture des Tabacs de Kairouan, MTK).

The RNTA is a State enterprise constituted as a non-administrative public establishment, the organization and functioning of which are governed by Law No. 64-57 of 28 December 1964.

It was created and is maintained to collect taxes, reduce unemployment (source of income for 14,000 tobacco farmers, especially in deprived areas of Tunisia) and guarantee gunpowder transactions.

The legislation under which it was created and is maintained provides for State control of its activities, exercised through the Ministry of Finance.

Export prices are fixed by contract between the parties concerned.

STATE TRADING: NATIONAL TOBACCO AND MATCHES AGENCY

STATISTICAL INFORMATION, EXPORTS 2011-2014

Product (HS number)	Year	Total volume exported	Volume exported by the State trading enterprise	Average procurement price	Average representative domestic sales price (excluding taxes)	Average export price	Domestic production (volume)
Snuff	2011	336,000	336,000	D0.075/packet*	D0.029/packet	D0.325/packet	28,366,800
(Neffa)	2012	396,000	396,000	D0.132/packet*	D0.029/packet	D0.648/packet	28,106,400
(packet)	2013	396,000	396,000	D0.160/packet*	D0.029/packet	D0.691/packet	25,629,300
HS No.:	2014	480,124	480,124	D0.168/packet*	D0.0316/packet	D0.752/packet	26,000,000
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Leaf	2011	165	165	D1,960/tonne	-	D3,154/tonne	4,055
tobacco	2012	100	100	D2,172/tonne	-	D4,838 tonne	5,278
(tonne)	2013	-	-	D/tonne	-	- D/tonne	5,065
HS No.:	2014	120	120	D2,537/tonne	-	D4,838/tonne	4,979
240110							

I. ENUMERATION OF STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE					
A. NAME	B. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S)			
National Edible Oils Board	Soya bean oil; Palm oil; Olive	1507100; 1511909; 1509100			
(ONH)	oil.				

II. REASON AND PURPOSE

A. Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise

It was created and is maintained in order to implement the State's policy on the following in particular:

- Protecting the country's interests in relation to the production, promotion and export of olive oil, which is of great social and economic importance to Tunisia;
- Ensuring the country's supply of refined seed oil for consumption.

B. Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers

The ONH is a State enterprise constituted as a non-administrative public establishment, the organization and functioning of which were laid down by Decree-Law No. 70-13 of 16 October 1970.

The Decree-Law under which the ONH was created and is maintained provides for State control exercised through the Ministry of Agriculture.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE TRADING ENTERPRISE

A. Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise

As a State enterprise, the ONH assists olive oil producers, promotes the olive oil sector and regulates the market by purchasing and exporting a limited quantity, not exceeding 8% of domestic production over the period 2011-2014, through a subsidiary of the ONH created at the end of 2009 as the National Oil Exports Board (ONHE).

B. Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise

Since the enactment of the Law of 24 February 1994, the ONH has no longer had the monopoly of sales of edible oils granted to it under the Decree-Law of 16 October 1970, except for the export of a tariff quota of olive oil to the European Union market, which it was granted by Decree No. 94-1166 of 23 May 1994.

Under Decree No. 2001-1523 of 25 June 2001, private exporters may export organic Tunisian olive oil and bottled olive oil within the quota.

Similarly, since 2005, specific decrees have enabled private traders, regardless of the level of production, to export oil in bulk within the quota as from the month of January, as is the case for 2016.

The olive oil market is free in Tunisia and there is free competition between private operators and the ONH. The latter's presence in the market does not lead to any distortion of market mechanisms. The reason for its existence is to regulate the market and protect domestic producers if there is a drop in demand.

STATE TRADING: NATIONAL OIL EXPORTS BOARD (ONH SUBSIDIARY) STATISTICAL INFORMATION, EXPORTS 2011-2014

Description of product(s) and HS number(s)	Crop year (January- December)	Total volume exported	Volume exported by the State trading enterprise (tonnes)	Average purchase price (D/metric tonne)	Average representative domestic sales price (D/metric tonne)	Average export price (D/metric tonne)	Domestic production
1509.100	2011	-	5,181	3,399	-	3,846	120,000
Olive oil	2012	-	12,310	3,112	-	3,415	182,000
	2013	-	7,715	4,872	-	5,457	220,000
	2014	-	2,565	5,688	-	5,475	70,000