

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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SUBSIDIES AND STATE TRADING

Note by the Director-General

At the twentieth session (BISD, Eleventh Supplement, page 59) it was agreed that contracting parties should be invited

- (a) to submit by the end of January 1965, and subsequently every third year, new and full responses to the questionnaires on subsidies and State trading (for the texts of these, see BISD, Ninth Supplement, pages 184 and 195);
- (b) at the end of January 1964, and in each subsequent year until the next three-yearly review, to submit notifications of the changes which have occurred in their subsidy and State-trading measures since notifications in 1963.

In 1963-64, twenty-seven countries submitted notifications on subsidies and twenty-eight notified State-trading arrangements (L/1948 and L/1949 and Addenda to both). In 1965 supplemental notifications were received from seventeen countries on subsidies (L/2326 and Addenda) and from fourteen countries on State trading (L/2313 and Addenda).

Under the agreed procedures it is required that all countries now submit new and full responses to the questionnaires referred to above. It is hoped that those will be received by the secretariat at an early date but not later than the end of March. Contracting parties not maintaining subsidies or State-trading arrangements should so inform the secretariat.

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