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Addendum

SWEDEN

A. NON-AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES

I. Enumeration of State-trading enterprises

The following enterprise and products seem to be covered by the provisions of Article XVII:

<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Products</u>
Aktiebolaget Vin- och Spritcentralen (The Wine and Spirit Co. Ltd.)	Alcoholic beverages: liquor, wine and strong beer

II. Reason and purpose for introduction and maintaining State-trading enterprises

The State-trading enterprise mentioned is maintained principally for reasons of a social, temperance, political and financial nature. Trade is regulated in the first place by the "Rusdrycksförsäljningsförordningen" (Law in respect of the selling of alcoholic beverages) of 26 May 1954.

III. Description of the functioning of the State-trading enterprises

The State-trading enterprise has in principle the exclusive right of importing alcoholic beverages into Sweden.

The quantities imported are determined in accordance with commercial considerations.

The Swedish prices on imported products are fixed with regard to costs, profit and rates of taxation.

With regard to export there is free competition between private traders and the State-trading enterprise. The latter exports some kinds of spirits, while the export of strong beer is managed by breweries in private ownership.

Prices on exported products are fixed in accordance with commercial considerations. Differences between export prices and domestic prices are due to the fact that export prices are wholesale prices while domestic prices are retail prices, also including taxes.

No long-term contracts are negotiated by the State-trading enterprise, nor are any State-trading methods used to fulfil contractual obligations entered into by the Government.

IV. Statistical information

Statistics with regard to alcoholic beverages are given in Annex I.

V. Reasons why no foreign trade has taken place (if this is the case) in products affected

Does not apply.

VI. Additional information

None.

B. AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES

Sweden does not have recourse to State trading in the agricultural field.

Annex I

PRODUCTION, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES 1965-1968

(Quantities of alcoholic beverages in million litres)
(Values in SKr million)

Commodity	Year	Production						Exports					
		Total			By State-trading enterprises			Total imports			Total		
		Q	V	Q	Q	V	Q	Q	V	Q	Q	V	Q
Strong beer	1965	19.8	24.8	-	-	-	19.8	6.5	10.5	1.7	2.0	-	1.7
	1966	13.0	17.3	-	-	-	13.0	5.0	8.2	0.7	0.8	-	0.7
	1967	15.1	21.0	-	-	-	15.1	5.7	9.5	0.5	0.6	-	0.5
	1968	n.a.	n.e.	-	-	-	n.a.	5.5	9.2	0.4	0.5	-	0.4
Wine	1965	1.2	3.4	1.2	3.3	0.0	0.0	32.0	54.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
	1966	1.4	4.1	1.4	4.0	0.0	0.0	31.7	50.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	-
	1967	1.8	5.3	1.8	5.2	0.0	0.0	37.1	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
	1968	1.4	4.0	1.4	4.0	0.0	0.0	43.3	68.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	-
Other alcoholic beverages	1965	44.1	95.4	44.1	95.4	-	-	19.0	81.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	-
	1966	50.0	107.8	50.0	107.8	-	-	19.6	86.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	-
	1967	43.2	99.9	43.2	99.9	-	-	22.7	93.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	-
	1968	51.9	112.6	51.9	112.6	-	-	22.2	91.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	-