

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## STATE-TRADING ENTERPRISES

### Notifications Pursuant to Article XVII:4(a)

#### Addendum

#### UGANDA

In accordance with Article XVII of GATT, the Government of Uganda hereby notifies the CONTRACTING PARTIES of the formation and objectives of the following State-trading enterprises:

Coffee Marketing Board

Lint Marketing Board

Produce Marketing Board

National Trading Corporation

Dairy Industry Corporation

The functions of the above Boards or Corporations are as resembled below:

#### (a) Coffee Marketing Board

The Coffee Marketing Board was established by an Act of Parliament. The principal object of the Board is to buy all Uganda processed coffee from local licensed coffee processors and then arrange for its sale in the international market. The Board may also carry out other functions which will improve, promote or stabilize the coffee industry.

#### (b) Lint Marketing Board

The Lint Marketing Board came into existence in 1959 when Parliament passed the Lint Marketing Board Act, 1959. The Board has the monopoly of purchasing all lint cotton ginned in Uganda and then arrange for its sale either by auction in Kampala to users or exporters or directly abroad. The Board acts as a middleman between the cotton growers in Uganda and the buyers. Price stabilization, quality control and the giving of incentive to cotton producers are among other functions of the Board.

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(c) Produce Marketing Board

The Produce Marketing Board was set up on 26 February 1968 by the Produce Marketing Board Act, 1968. The main function of this Board is to provide or create efficient marketing facilities for all controlled "minor" cash crops. The Board now markets the following commodities:

Wheat  
Maize  
Beans  
Soyabeans  
Tobacco  
Sorghum  
Millet

(d) National Trading Corporation

The National Trading Corporation was set up by an Act of Parliament (The National Corporation Act Number 18 of 1966) on 1 September 1966 as a wholly owned public corporation of the Uganda Government.

The main purpose of the Corporation is to organize and effect exports from and imports into Uganda of such goods and commodities as the Minister of Commerce and Industry may from time to time decide. In respect of those goods handled, whether imported or made in Uganda, the National Trading Corporation will set up an effective system of distribution throughout the country. The Corporation is also partly responsible for removing the present imbalances between non-Ugandans and Ugandans in commerce by encouraging citizens to enter the field of commerce and trade. The objective is to ensure that Ugandans play an increasingly important rôle in commerce, a field which has hitherto been dominated by foreigners. The objective is also to sell goods to the common man at the lowest possible price.

(e) The Dairy Industry Corporation

The Dairy Industry Corporation was established on 5 March 1967.

The principal object of this Corporation is to organize and promote the production and distribution of milk and milk products throughout the country. The Corporation has been given the sole right to import and act as prime distributor of the following items:

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| 122 | 1 | 1 | Skimmed milk   |
| 122 | 1 | 2 | Cream  |
| 022 | 1 | 9 | Other milk   |
| 022 | 2 | 0 | Whole milk and cream   |
| 022 | 2 | 9 | Other dried milk (excluding patent and<br>proprietary infant milk) |
| 023 | 0 | 0 | 2 Butter   |