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STATE TRADING

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Addendum

AUSTRALIA

The Permanent Mission of Australia has notified the secretariat that the following changes should be made to Australia's 1972 notification contained in document L/3653/Add.16.

Delete all references to "Commonwealth", "Government of the Commonwealth" etc. and replace with "Australian Government".

Page 2, line 9

Line 9 should read "Act, 1968-1973".

Page 5, paragraph 6

Delete paragraph commencing "Australia in recent years .." and insert "Around 35 per cent of production has been exported in recent years".

Page 6: (e) Queensland Sugar Board

Delete the three paragraphs and insert the following:

"(a) Queensland Sugar Board

The Queensland Sugar Board is constituted under the Queensland Sugar Acquisition Act. The Board, on behalf of the Queensland Government, acquires all raw sugar produced in Queensland and also purchases all raw sugar

produced in New South Wales (by arrangement with C.S.R. Ltd. which owns the three mills in that State). Sugar is not produced elsewhere in Australia. The acquisition and marketing of Australian raw sugar by the Sugar Board is recognized in the Commonwealth/Queensland Sugar Agreement which was renewed in 1969 to operate until 30 June 1974. This Agreement is approved by the Sugar Agreement Act 1971.

The reason for the Board's acquisition of all Australian-produced sugar is to assist in regulating the production and marketing of sugar. Under present arrangements, returns to growers from domestic and export sales are pooled; this gives growers a uniform return on the sugar content of their cane. The domestic price is controlled at a level agreed between the Australian and Queensland Governments. This provides a stabilizing influence on growers' and millers' returns as well as conferring the benefits of a stable price on Australian consumers. The arrangements also facilitate the regulation of exports in conformity with the Australian Government's international obligations, for example, under quota provisions of an international sugar agreement.

Under the Sugar Agreement, the Queensland Government (through the Sugar Board) undertakes to make sugar and sugar products available at certain places in Australia at specified wholesale prices, to control the production of cane sugar and, subject to certain conditions, to supply sugar used in specified manufactured goods exported at the Australian equivalent of the world's parity price."

Page 7, line 19

Delete line 19 and insert "Act, 1968-1973. This Federal Act and complementary State legislation gives it".

Page 7, line 21

Delete line 21 and insert "to store and trade in wheat for local and export trade".

Page 8

Delete paragraph 2 and insert "No firm contracts involving delivery over a long term have been written by the Australian Wheat Board. However some contracts negotiated have required shipments over a period of about twelve months. Also agreements to supply of up to three years' duration have been entered into by the Board under which contracts are negotiated periodically during the term of agreement."

Delete first line of paragraph 5 and insert "It is constituted under the Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924-1972. Under the ...".

Delete sixth line of paragraph 6 and insert "the United Kingdom. Under its present powers the Dairy Board has equal trading rights in other markets with Australian exporters. However in 1964 the industry voluntarily agreed to the Board becoming sole seller of cheese to Japan. The Board also exports anhydrous ...".

Delete eighth line of paragraph 6 and insert "with which it is associated. Exports to other markets are carried out by ...".

Delete lines 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the last paragraph and insert "it was necessary to introduce quotas for a short period for trader-to-trader sales for butter, butter-oil, ghee and cheese. Large domestic surpluses preclude the necessity for any ...".

Page 9

Delete first sentence of first paragraph and insert "The Board ships butter to Japan on tender and ships cheese on consignment to its office in Japan".

Page 10: (e) Queensland Sugar Board

Delete all paragraphs under this heading and replace with:

"(a) Queensland Sugar Board

(i) Exports

Under the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations the export of sugar from Australia is prohibited except with the consent of the Minister of Northern Development. This ensures retention of sufficient sugar for domestic requirements and facilitates compliance with Australia's international sugar trading undertakings. The Queensland Sugar Board, as the representative of the Queensland Government (which acquires all raw sugar produced) is the sole exporter of raw sugar from Australia.

Imports

The importation of sugar is prohibited (except with the consent of the Minister for Primary Industry or an officer authorized by him) under the Sugar Agreement Act, which approves of the agreement between the Australian and Queensland Governments.

(ii) Raw sugar in excess of domestic requirements is exported by the Sugar Board through the agency of C.S.R. Limited. Private trade in the export of sugar is limited to a few thousand tons of refined sugar exported under permit to the islands and territories adjacent to Australia. Traders obtain their requirements from the Sugar Board's agents and there is no competition between private traders and the State-trading enterprise.

(iii) Domestic prices

The maximum wholesale prices at State capital cities, Freemantle, Launceston and Darwin are fixed under the terms of the Commonwealth/Queensland Sugar Agreement.

Export prices

Australia exports 335,000 long tons of sugar to the United Kingdom under the British Commonwealth Sugar Agreement at a negotiated price. It also exports sugar to the United States under the conditions laid down by the United States Sugar Act. Sales to Malaysia and Singapore are made within the provisions of contracts for stated quantities at stated prices. The remaining export sales, are made on the basis of world free market prices."

Page 11, line 26

Delete "and 1968 when it sold lamb to the United States Defence Forces and in 1971 when" and insert "and 1968 when it sold lamb to the United States Defence Forces and from December 1971 to October 1972 when ..".

Pages 13, 14 and 15

Delete tables and insert tables attached.

STATE TRADING

(Years ended 30 June)

(Values in \$ million)

Commodity	Unit	Year	Imports				Exports				Re-exports	Production
			By trading organization		Other		By trading organization		Other			
			Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value		
Wheat and flour	M. bushels (wheat equivalent)	1965/66	-	-	-	-	207.6	288.8	-	-	-	259.7
		1966/67	-	-	-	-	256.6	304.3	-	-	-	461.9
		1967/68	-	-	-	-	257.6	366.3	-	-	-	280.9
		1968/69	-	-	-	-	197.3	280.0	-	-	-	544.0
		1969/70	-	-	-	-	269.5	359.0	-	-	-	388.0
		1970/71	-	-	-	-	348.8	453.0	-	-	-	390.0
		1971/72	-	-	-	-	318.0	433.6	-	-	-	313.0
		1972/73 (Est)	-	-	-	-	203.0	288.9	-	-	-	237.0
Butter	'000 tons	1965/66	-	-	-	-	62.1	39.5	11.1	8.6	-	205.6
		1966/67	-	-	-	-	77.0	43.4	16.3	13.0	-	210.4
		1967/68	-	-	-	-	55.8	30.8	12.8	9.8	-	192.9
		1968/69	-	-	-	-	52.9	27.7	21.9	18.6	-	185.9
		1969/70	-	-	-	-	68.9	36.5	28.5	16.9	-	220.5
		1970/71	-	-	-	-	54.9	29.1	14.2	9.1	-	159.8
		1971/72	-	-	-	-	21.7	17.9	13.2	13.2	-	198.6
		1972/73	-	-	-	-	40.9	32.3	19.0	15.7	-	181.6
Anhydrous milk fat	'000 tons	1965/67	-	-	-	-	2.9	2.1	6.9	6.3	-	-
		1967/68	-	-	-	-	2.4	1.5	6.5	4.9	-	-
		1968/69	-	-	-	-	3.1	1.5	6.3	3.1	-	-
		1969/70	-	-	-	-	4.1	2.0	10.5	5.1	-	-
		1970/71	-	-	-	-	5.1	2.6	10.1	5.1	-	-
		1971/72	-	-	-	-	7.1	3.6	11.8	8.1	-	-
		1972/73	-	-	-	-	4.1	5.6	11.0	8.0	-	-
Cheese	'000 tons	1965/66	-	-	3.9	3.3	11.3	5.2	13.8	8.4	-	55.3
		1966/67	-	-	3.9	3.6	12.8	6.1	12.7	9.2	-	20.2
		1967/68	-	-	4.3	3.7	25.9	10.6	8.0	7.3	-	64.8
		1968/69	-	-	5.4	4.4	11.8	4.8	13.3	9.1	-	67.8
		1969/70	-	-	6.6	5.6	24.6	9.8	15.6	4.0	-	69.6
		1970/71	-	-	5.8	5.7	20.2	3.2	17.5	10.9	-	70.9
		1971/72	-	-	5.8	6.6	18.2	10.0	14.6	12.5	-	72.0
		1972/73	-	-	7.4	8.4	15.2	9.4	14.8	12.5	-	63.8

Anhydrous milk fat production included in butter production figures.

(Years ended 30 June) (Value in \$ million)

(Years ended 30 June)

(Values in \$A million)

Commodity	Unit	Year	Imports				Exports				Re-exports	Production
			By trading organization		Other		By trading organization		Other			
			Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value		
			Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value		
Raw Sugar	'000 tons	1965/66 1966/67 1967/68 1968/69 1969/70 1970/71	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	1,238 1,621 1,576 1,990 1,331 1,516	92.76 98.19 93.58 116.23 110.94 145.14	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	1,933 2,343 2,334 2,724 2,178 2,484	
Lamb	Metric tons product weight	1966/67 1967/68	- -	- -	- -	- -	775 1,075	0.7 1.2	14,267 8,149	7.3 4.4	- -	240,894 245,564
Beef and Veal	Metric tons product weight	1970/71	-	-	-	-	28,757	17.9	310,003	320.8	-	1,047,281
Mutton	Metric tons product weight	1970/71	-	-	-	-	30,663	8.9	100,249	43.3	-	470,458
Honey	'000 lb.	1965/66 1966/67 1967/68 1968/69 1969/70 1970/71 1971/72 1972/73	- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	13.4 21.2 19.6 35.8 82.1 39.5 49.1 52.4	-0.008 0.014 0.013 0.021 0.036 0.027 0.038 0.046	- - 49.4 159.2 22.2 - - -	- - 0.009 0.033 0.005 - - -	7,363.7 5,919.4 5,164.7 5,835.5 6,625.2 10,068.5 8,835.6 7,943.5	1.6 1.5 1.2 1.4 1.8 3.1 3.6 4.7	- - - - - - - -	18,137.1 15,947.6 19,930.1 13,968.4 22,258.9 19,126.4 20,240 18,083

(Value in \$A million)

(Years ended 30 June)

Commodity	Unit	Year	Imports						Exports						Re-exports	Production	
			By trading organization			Other			By trading organization			Other				Qty.	Qty.
			Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value					
Skim milk powder	'000 tons (ton = 2,240 lb.)	1966/67	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	3.0	42.8	12.1	84.2	-	-	-	
		1967/68	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.5	2.7	27.4	6.8	87.5	-	-	-	
		1968/69	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.1	2.0	26.3	4.1	69.8	-	-	-	
		1969/70	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.8	3.0	33.4	5.3	93.3	-	-	-	
		1970/71	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.2	4.0	27.9	5.2	90.1	-	-	-	
		1971/72	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.1	6.4	21.1	7.6	92.8	-	-	-	
		1972/73	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.5	9.9	21.4	8.8	115.1	-	-	-	
Eggs in shell	million dozen	1965/66	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9	1.1	-	-	132.7	-	-	-	
		1966/67	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	1.2	-	-	145.6	-	-	-	
		1967/68	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	1.4	-	-	161.6	-	-	-	
		1968/69	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	1.4	-	-	165.4	-	-	-	
		1969/70	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.0	-	-	182.9	-	-	-	
		1970/71	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.0	-	-	202.2	-	-	-	
		1971/72	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.9	1.5	-	-	209.1	-	-	-	
		1972/73	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.6	1.5	-	-	200.2	-	-	-	
Egg pulp	'000 (ton = 2,240 lb.)	1962/63	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.6	3.8	-	-	13.5	-	-	-	
		1963/64	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3	2.2	-	-	11.5	-	-	-	
		1964/65	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.8	3.8	-	-	18.3	-	-	-	
		1965/66	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	3.3	-	-	15.0	-	-	-	
		1966/67	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.2	3.2	-	-	17.3	-	-	-	
		1967/68	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.7	4.1	-	-	22.3	-	-	-	
		1968/69	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.9	4.2	-	-	22.8	-	-	-	
		1969/70	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.6	6.2	-	-	29.3	-	-	-	
1970/71	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.7	7.1	-	-	36.1	-	-	-			
1971/72	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.9	6.3	-	-	38.3	-	-	-			
1972/73	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.7	9.6	-	-	26.6	-	-	-			