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STATE TRADING

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Addendum

SWEDEN

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 "Rusdrycksförsäljningsförrordningen" (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 the State-trading enterprise exports some kinds of wines and 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 production, import and export of alcoholic beverages are given in the annex.

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

Does not apply.

VI. Additional information

None.

ANNEXProduction, imports and exports of alcoholic beverages 1972-1974(Quantities of alcoholic beverages in million litres)
(Values in SKr million)

Commodity	Year	Production						Total imports				Exports					
		Total		By State-trading enterprises		By others		Total		Total		By State-trading enterprises		By others			
		Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V		
<u>Strong beer</u>	1972	26.1	47.4	-	-	26.1	47.4	4.3	7.4	0.2	-	-	0.2	0.2			
"	1973	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	n.a.	n.a.	3.4	6.3	0.1	-	-	0.1	0.1			
"	1974	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	n.a.	n.a.	3.3	7.1	0.1	-	-	0.1	0.2			
<u>Wine</u>	1972	1.9	5.3	1.9	5.2	0.0	0.1	65.6	109.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	-	-			
"	1973	1.8	4.9	1.8	4.9	-	-	50.9	104.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	-	-			
"	1974	2.0	5.7	2.0	5.7	-	-	59.7	135.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	-	-			
<u>Other alcoholic beverages</u>	1972	43.1	94.9	43.1	94.9	-	-	20.7	110.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	-	-			
	1973	44.9	111.6	44.9	111.6	-	-	19.3	99.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	-	-			
	1974	36.8	125.7	36.8	125.7	-	-	22.4	134.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	-	-			