

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## STATE TRADING

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

#### Addendum

#### AUSTRIA

#### A. Financial monopolies

No change has taken place in the field of financial monopolies since the last Austrian notification, contained in document L/3653/Add.12 of 19 June 1972.

The annexed statistical data (Annex I) for the years 1972, 1973 and 1974 should be added to the above-mentioned notification.

#### B. Grain Equalization Fund

##### I. Enumeration of State-trading enterprises

In addition to the three financial monopolies the Grain Equalization Fund has to be considered as a State-trading enterprise since the coming into force of the second amendment of the Market Regulation Law on 5 April 1960, Federal Law Gazette No. 85.

##### II. Reasons for maintaining State-trading for cereals and products thereof

The following items are subject to State-trading according to Part I of this Law (as amended):

<u>Tariff Items</u>	<u>Description of Goods</u>
10.01	Wheat and meslin
10.02	Rye
10.03 A	Fodder barley
10.04 A	Fodder oats
10.05	Fodder maize and maize for grinding
ex 10.07	Millet of all kinds
ex 11.01	Flour of wheat, meslin, rye or maize

Tariff ItemsDescription of Goods

- ex 11.02 B      The following products of wheat, meslin, rye or maize: cereal groats and cereal meal; cereal grains peeled, rolled, flaked, polished, pearled or kibbled; germ of cereals including ground germs; barley, oats and millet of all kinds, ground.
- ex 23.02      Residues of rye suitable for use in the production of flour; bran, sharps and other residues derived from the shifting, milling or working of cereals and husked bran.
- ex 23.07      Sweetened forage; other preparations of a kind used in animal feeding, as far as they contain cereals or milling products thereof.

The above-mentioned products have already been subject to an intensive control by the Market Regulation Law since 1950 (import planning, import licensing, distribution regulations, transport cost compensation, grinding regulations etc.) The above-mentioned amendment of 5 April 1960 to this Law introduced further the obligation to offer imported cereals to the Grain Equalization Board, in order to guarantee that all these products - even in the event of their liberalization - are subject to a control, which is necessary to maintain a stable price level and to allow planning of production and corresponding sales.

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

In accordance with the above-mentioned amendment to the Market Regulation Law the importers are obliged to offer imported cereals and imported products of cereals for sale to the Grain Equalization Board. The Board, however, is not obliged to accept an offer. In fact until now the Board did not make use of its right to buy, as it has the possibility - after the usual procurement procedure - to control the price and the quality of the goods during the licensing procedure. The aim of this procurement system is to allow for the adjudication of those imports, which are the most favourable in respect of quality, price, terms of delivery and payment irrespective of country of origin.

IV. Statistical information

The annexed statistics (Annex II) for the last three economic years cover only the main items as statistical data are not available for all items.

ANNEX I

Tariff Item	State-trading Commodity	Imports		Exports		Domestic Sales	
		1972	1974	1972	1974	1972	1974
22.08	Spirit hl.	1/	1/	3,403	618	218,063	242,489
22.09	'000 S	538	1,618	-	-	828,256	853,500
	hl.	-	1/	1,624	4,985		
	'000 S	86,006	96,301	-	5,792		
24.01	Tobacco, raw	128,079	119,013	1,941	5,940	3,701	5,909
24.02	'000 S	434,781	554,839	8,173	27,140		
	100 kgs.	22	30	55	123	3,793	3,499
	'000 S	792	957	1,288	1,544	119,373	115,637
	100 kgs.	7,706	8,238	1,601	967	134,508	144,187
	'000 S	75,513	72,289	17,040	10,061	7,266,286	8,209,556
	100 kgs.	4,659	5,775	14	586	4,379	3,679
	'000 S	12,159	15,159	47	9,870	102,264	93,428
25.01	Rock salt	1,350	9,500	-	-	8,390	3,360
	Table salt	-	4,000	-	-	417,270	449,330
	Cattle, and	12,970	15,600	-	-	2,169,840	2,467,340
	Industrial salt	-	-	-	-	111,099	126,600
	Salt liquors	-	-	-	-	811,005	835,316

1/ Data are not available

2/ Domestic production

3/ The figures for domestic sales cover the imports of rock salt, table salt of cattle and industrial salt

ANNEX II

Tariff item	Description of products	Economic year	Imports in '000 tons	Exports tons	Production
10.01	Other wheat and meslin	1971/72	16	-	974
		1972/73	79	-	863
		1973/74	11	-	1,047
11.01	Wheat flour and other flour	1971/72	-	-	464
		1972/73	-	-	680
		1973/74	-	-	681
10.02	Other rye	1971/72	-	-	448
		1972/73	-	-	402
		1973/74	-	-	400
10.03	Other barley	1971/72	26	-	1,016
		1972/73	59	-	977
		1973/74	31	-	1,087
10.04	Fodder oats and other oats	1971/72	19	-	284
		1972/73	24	-	255
		1973/74	11	-	284
10.05	Fodder maize, maize for grinding and other maize	1971/72	69	-	721
		1972/73	43	-	726
		1973/74	72	-	966
10.07	Other cereals <sup>1</sup>	1971/72	-	-	84
		1972/73	2	-	92
		1973/74	11	-	4

<sup>1</sup>Millet, buckwheat and other cereals