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Addendum

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

I. Enumeration of State-trading enterprises

The whole foreign trade of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic is carried out by Czechoslovak socialist organizations authorized by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade. A list of these organizations follows:

1. ART CENTRUM

Czechoslovak Centre of Fine Arts
Praha 1, V jámě 10

2. ARTIA

Foreign Trade Corporation for Export and Import
Praha 1, Ve smečkách 30

3. AUTOTURIST

Travel Agency
Praha 1, Opletalova 29

4. BRNO TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

Trade fair and exhibition organizers
Brno, Výstaviště 1

5. CENTROTEX

Foreign Trade Company Limited
Praha 7, Dukelských hrdinů 47

6. ČECHOFRACHT

International Forwarding and Shipping Corporation
Praha 1, Na příkopě 8

7. ČESKOSLOVENSKÉ HUDEBNÍ NÁSTROJE

Hradec Králové, Švermova 523

8. CZECHOSLOVAK FILMEXPORT

Praha 1, Václavské náměstí 28

9. CZECHOSLOVAK CERAMICS

Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 1, V jámě 1

10. CZECHOSLOVAK OCEAN SHIPPING

International Joint-Stock Company
Praha 1. Na můstku 11

11. CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION

Praha 1, Gorkého náměstí 30

12. DREVOUNIA

Foreign Trade Corporation
Bratislava, Pučíkova 12

13. EPEKTIM

Company Limited, Representation of Foreign
Companies in Czechoslovakia
Praha 1, Václavské náměstí 1

14. EXICO

Foreign Trade Company Limited
Praha 7, Třída dukelských hrdinů 47

15. FERROMET

Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 1, Opletalova 27

16. FINCOM

Foreign Trade Joint-Stock Company
Praha 1, Washingtonova 7

17. GLASSEXPOR

Joint-Stock Company
Liberec; Třída 1. máje

18. HYDROCONSULT

Bratislava, Radlinského 57

19. CHEMAPOL Praha

Foreign Trade Company Limited
Praha 10, Kodaněská 46

20. CHEMAPOL Bratislava

Bratislava, dr. V. Clementisa 10

21. CHIRANA
Staré Tureč
22. IMEX
Import and Export
Praha 1, Revoluční 25
23. INCHBA
Foreign Trade Corporation
Bratislava, Drienova 24
24. INSPEKTA
Corporation for Superintending Export and Import Goods
Praha 1, V jámě 1
25. INTERAL
Company Limited
Bratislava, Pražská 7
26. INTERCOOP
Foreign Trade Cooperative Company
Bratislava - Ostredky, Dr. Vl. Clementisa 10
27. INTERSIM
Company Limited, Representation of Foreign
Companies in Czechoslovakia
Praha 10, Průběžná 2916
28. INVESTA
Foreign Trade Company Limited
Praha 10 - Vršovice, Kodanická 46
29. JABLONEX
Foreign Trade Corporation
Jablonec nad Nisou, Palackého 41
30. KARAEXPORT
Foreign Trade Company Limited
Praha 2, Vyšehradská 25
31. KERAMETAL
Foreign Trade Company Limited
Bratislava, Jašíkova 2
32. KOH-I-NOOR HARDTMUTH
České Budějovice, ul. gen. Svobody

33. KOOSPOL

Foreign Trade Company Limited
Praha 7, Dukelských hrdinů 47

34. KOVO

Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 7, Dukelských hrdinů 47

35. LIGNA

Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 1, Vodičkova 41

36. MARTIMEX

Foreign Trade Company Limited
Martin, Thurzova 5

37. MEDIA

Association for Representing Foreign Firms
in Czechoslovakia
Praha 4. Svatoslavova 33

38. MERKANTA

Import Company Limited
Praha 2, Balbínova 22

39. MERKURIA

Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 7, Dukelských hrdinů 47

40. METALIMEX

Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 1, Štěpánská 34

41. MOTOKOV

Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 7, Dukelských hrdinů 47

42. OMNIA

Foreign Trade Corporation
Bratislava 1, Červenej armády 4

43. OMNIPOL

Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 1, Washingtonova 11

44. PHOENIX
Import Company Limited
Praha 1, Václavské náměstí 56
45. POLYTECHINA ,
Foreign Trade Corporation
Technical Cooperation Agency
Praha 1, Václavské náměstí 8
46. FRAGENT
Foreign Trade Company Limited,
Praha 1, Vodičkova 30
47. PRAGOEXPORT
Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 1, Jungmannova 34
48. PRAGOINVEST
Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 9 - Vysočany, Českomoravská 23
49. RAPID
Czechoslovak Advertising Agency
Praha 1, ul. 28. října 13
50. REMPO
Bratislava, Dukelská 33
51. REPHACHEM
Company Limited
Praha 10 - Vršovice, Kodaňská 46
52. SAGA
Bratislava, Štúrova 1/B
53. SIGMA
Olomouc, Kollárovo náměstí 7
54. SIMEX
Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 1, Washingtonova 7

55. SLOVART

Foreign Trade Company Limited
Bratislava, Leningradská 11

56. STROJEXPORT

Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 1, Václavské náměstí 56

57. STROJIMPORT

Foreign Trade Corporation Limited
Praha 3, Vinohradská 184

58. ŠKODAXPORT

Foreign Trade Corporation
Praha 1, Václavské náměstí 56

59. TECHNOEXPORT Praha

Foreign Trade Company Limited
Praha 1, Václavské náměstí 56

60. TECHNOEXPORT Bratislava

Foreign Trade Company Limited
Bratislava, Gottwaldovo náměstí 48

61. TRADEX

Association for Representing
Foreign Firms,
Praha 6, U Hadovky 9

62. TRANSAKTA Praha

Foreign Trade Corporation
Commercial Transaction Agency
Praha 1 - Malá Strana, Letenská 11

63. TUZEX

Foreign Trade Company Limited
Praha 1, Rytířská 13

64. UNICOOP

Foreign Trade Co-operative Company
Praha 1, Těšnov 5

65. UNIFRUX

Company Limited for Representing Foreign Firms
Praha 1, - V jamě 3

66. UTRIN

Technical Development and Information Institute
Praha 1, Kampa
U Sovových mlýnů 543/9

67. ZAHRAĐNÍCTVO A REKREAČNÍ SLUŽBY MESTA BRATISLAVY

Bratislava, ul. Odbojárov 9

68. ZÁVODY SILNOPROUDÉ ELEKTROTECHNIKY

Praha 2, Blanická 28

69. ZENIT

Association for Foreign Trade Representation
Praha 1, Široká 9

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

The development of the Czechoslovak national economy is guided by a system economic plans including the plan of foreign trade. These plans lay down the guidelines for the economic policy and determine its objectives as well as the economic instruments, measures and activities to be undertaken to achieve these objectives. The balanced and proportional development of the national economy and of its particular branches is based, besides other factors, on a purposeful and planned development of foreign trade. Its objectives and tasks are fulfilled by Czechoslovak socialist organizations authorized by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade to carry out foreign trade. Besides special foreign trade enterprises and joint stock companies of foreign trade several production enterprises as well as co-operatives have been authorized to carry out foreign trade. Eleven special organizations for the representation of foreign companies facilitate the access to the Czechoslovak market for foreign participants in international trade.

The basic legal provision for the organization of Czechoslovak foreign trade is the Law of 28 April 1948 No. 119 concerning the Organization of Foreign Trade and International Transport. Its main provisions have been included in document L/784/Add.1 and are on the file of the secretariat. This provision has been supplemented by Order of the Minister of Foreign Trade of 19 August 1968, No. 121 concerning authorization to foreign trade activities, as amended by Order of 25 November 1969 No. 164. This Order sets out the conditions for granting authorizations to foreign trade activities and for their withdrawal including the

respective procedural provisions. The federal authority in foreign economy matters since 1 January 1971 is based on the Law of 20 December 1970 No. 133 concerning the competence of the federal ministries, namely the section concerning the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade.

III. Description of the functioning of the notified enterprises

The enterprises enumerated in section I deal with exports as well as with imports in accordance with their authorization. All of these organizations are independent legal persons. The State is not liable for their commitments and they are not responsible for the commitments of the State. The same principle applies in the mutual relations between these organizations. Besides the enterprises enumerated in section I there are no other enterprises dealing with foreign trade activities, except enterprises and organizations which have been granted temporary or otherwise limited exceptions from the authorization of the organizations enumerated in section I by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade acting under Law No. 119/48, Article 2, paragraph 4.

The quantities of goods to be imported have to satisfy the needs of the individual branches of the economy taking into account the Czechoslovak external financial position. In carrying out imports the organizations of foreign trade do not need any import or exchange licence and they are free to choose their foreign sources of supply according to their commercial considerations. Foreign exchange is available for all imports covered by the import plan and is not allocated by countries. Commercial considerations are the only criteria for the choice of sources of supply.

The extent of exports corresponds to the endeavour to assure the most effective participation of the Czechoslovak economy in the international division of labour, and to secure payments facilities to cover the growing needs for imports, as well as other financial obligations.

The foreign trade enterprises determine and negotiate individual export prices according to the general principle to sell at world prices and according to commercial considerations taking into account conditions and terms of sale. Export prices do not comprise the general turnover tax which is imposed on goods for domestic consumption, whether they are produced in Czechoslovakia or imported.

Imported goods are offered on the internal market at prices which are based on the landing costs and expenses of the foreign trade enterprise. Prices of certain selected import items, mainly raw materials, are however identical with the level of internal, uniformly established wholesale prices.

There is no mark-up on imported goods being determined which would discriminate such goods in relation to similar goods of domestic origin. Imported goods are sold on the domestic market as a rule for the same prices as domestically produced goods of comparable quality.

The foreign trade organizations negotiate long-term buy or sale contracts where advisable.

IV. Statistical information

Trade and production statistics for 1971, 1972, 1973 covering all products are on the file of the secretariat.