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This notification brings up to date South Africa's full reply on State trading as contained in document L/4140/Add.3 of 7 May 1975.

1. The words "urban area of" should be inserted before "Western Transvaal" in paragraph I.10. on page 1.
2. Paragraph III.A.1. on page 2 should read as follows:

"The Banana Board is concerned with the marketing of bananas in the domestic market. It controls the marketing of bananas leaving the demarcated production areas. Banana importers are obliged to market through the Board if the imported bananas are destined for consumption outside the production areas. In certain areas the Board sells the bulk of supplies to the trade directly. In other areas bananas are also sold on municipal markets of which the Cape Town auction market is the most important. The Board has its own ripening facilities in the main selling centres and sells ripe bananas to the trade at prices determined by the Board from time to time, in the light of the existing supply and demand position.

"For bananas marketed through the Board, four-weekly pools are operated by the Board for the various grades and sizes."

3. The first sentence of paragraph 4 on page 3 should read as follows:

"The Citrus Board exports oranges, lemons and grapefruit on behalf of producers on a pool basis."

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4. Paragraph 12 on page 5 should read as follows:

"The Lucerne Seed Board buys lucerne seed (alfalfa) from producers through appointed agents at prices fixed annually with ministerial approval. Likewise the Board fixes the prices to the trade of this commodity. Particular attention is paid to the quality and purity of the seed supplied to the trade."

5. The last sentence of paragraph 14 on page 6 should read as follows:

"The Board also operates a one channel marketing scheme for soyabeans in terms of which this product is sold to the best advantage by the Board and the producers concerned are paid advance and subsequent payments."

6. Replace paragraph 22 on page 9 by the following:

"The Cotton Board is empowered to fix a minimum price for seed cotton to the producer. Beyond fixing the minimum seed cotton price, the Board exercises no further control over seed cotton and cottonseed. However, in respect of cotton lint, the following apply:

- "(a) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, impose a special levy on cotton lint.
- "(b) The Board may buy cotton lint at such a price or on such a basis as the Minister may approve.
- "(c) The Board may treat in such a manner as it deems fit, classify, grade, pack, store, adapt for sale, insure, transport and advertise cotton lint which it has bought."