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The following changes should be made to bring up to date the Australian notification contained in document L/4623/Add.10.

AUSTRALIAN STATE-TRADING NOTIFICATIONS - AMENDMENTS
TO DOCUMENT L/4623/Add.10

1. Page 1, Section I, add:
"(h) Australian Dried Fruits Corporation."
2. Page 2, Section II(a), delete last paragraph:
"The Board has fourteen members"
3. Page 3, Section II(b), add at the end:
"From 1 July 1977 the Corporation was invested with additional powers in respect of the administration of the new staged marketing arrangements for the dairy industry."
4. Page 4, Section II(c), fourth paragraph, delete the words "surpluses of" in second sentence.
5. Page 5, Section II(d), delete fourth paragraph:
"Australia normally produces ... orderly basis."

6. Page 5, Section II(e), delete first paragraph and insert:

"The Sugar Board is constituted under the Queensland Sugar Acquisition Act. The Board, on behalf of the Queensland Government, acquires all raw sugar produced in New South Wales. Sugar is not produced commercially 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 negotiated in 1974 to operate from 1 February 1975 to 30 June 1979. Operation of the 1975 Sugar Agreement has been extended to 30 September 1979 or such earlier date as a successor agreement can be concluded between the parties."

7. Page 6, Section II(g), delete second paragraph:

"Membership of the Corporation comprises ... and an independent Chairman."

8. Page 6, Section II, add section (h):

"(h) Australian Dried Fruits Corporation

The Australian Dried Fruits Corporation was set up on 1 January 1979. The Corporation retained the functions of the Australian Dried Fruits Export Control Board which had been established in 1924 and added further functions.

The Corporation is charged with promoting and controlling the export of dried fruit from Australia.

Subject to Ministerial approval, the Corporation may engage in trade in dried fruit but in so doing is subject to any conditions the Minister may specify."

9. Page 7, Section III(a), fifth paragraph, delete second sentence:

"The criterion applied ... overseas markets."

10. Page 10, Section III(b), delete last paragraph:

"The Corporation with the support ... School Lunch Programme."

11. Page 10, Section III(c), second paragraph, delete the words:

"having regard to the surplus ... marketing of this surplus."

12. Page 12, Section III(e), third paragraph, first sentence, delete the words:

"in excess of domestic requirements"

13. Page 12, Section III(e), delete fifth paragraph and insert:

"About 1.1 million tonnes of raw sugar are sold each year under the conditions of long-term bilateral contracts negotiated with Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia and Singapore by CSR as the agent for the Sugar Board. The remaining export sales are made on the basis of world free market prices."

14. Page 15, after Section III(g), insert Section III(h):

"(h) Australian Dried Fruits Corporation

The Australian Dried Fruits Corporation operates under the Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act 1979. Its functions are set out in Section 6 of the Act as follows:

- (a) to promote and control the export of dried fruit from Australia;
- (b) to promote and control the sale and distribution, after export, of Australian dried fruit;
- (c) to encourage and promote the consumption of Australian dried fruit outside Australia;

The Corporation's powers include the following which are of direct relevance to export trading:

- make recommendations to the Minister in relation to the export from Australia of dried fruit and the sale and distribution of Australian dried fruit after export, including recommendations in respect of:
 - (i) the terms and conditions of the export of dried fruit;
 - (ii) the persons who may be permitted to engage in the export of dried fruit;
 - (iii) the packaging and labelling of dried fruit for export; and
 - (iv) the quality, standards and grading for export of dried fruit or of any kind of dried fruit;

- engage, or make other arrangements with, persons, organizations or companies to perform work, or act as agent for the Corporation, whether in Australia or overseas; and
- with the approval, in writing, of the Minister and subject to such conditions (if any) as are specified in the instrument of approval, buy and sell and otherwise engage in trade in dried fruit and do all things necessary or convenient for engaging in that trade.

The Corporation to date has not used the power to trade and therefore statistical information on quantities available for trading, export prices and long-term contracts is not applicable."

15. Page 15, Section IV, after paragraph on "Australian Apple and Pear Corporation," insert the following:

"Australian Dried Fruits Corporation

As previously stated under Section III, the Corporation so far has not used its power to trade. Therefore statistical information is not applicable."

16. Page 15, Section V, first paragraph:

- at the end of the first sentence add "and dried fruits"
- amend second sentence to read "The Australian Apple and Pear Corporation and the Australian Dried Fruits Corporation have permitted private exporters or groups of exporters to service the export sectors of the apple and pear and dried fruit industries."

17. Page 15, Section V, last paragraph:

- delete the words "of the Australian surplus".