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STATE TRADING

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AUSTRIA

The following communication, dated 31 July 1980, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Austria.

With reference to document L/4933 of 25 May 1980 I have been instructed to inform you of the following changes concerning State trading in Austria:

A. Financial monopolies

(a) Tobacco monopoly

No changes in substance have occurred since the last full notification. The following changes should, however, be made in order to better reflect the actual situation:

- (i) Insert in the last full line of page 1 of L/4623/Add.9 between "war" and "invalids" the words "and civil".
- (ii) The second sentence of paragraph III(a) on page 2 of L/4623/Add.9 should be replaced by the following:

"The Tobacco Monopoly covers the production, the processing, the importation and the use of monopoly goods and trade with such goods."

(b) Alcohol monopoly

No changes to be made.

(c) Salt monopoly

In order to reflect the amendments made to this monopoly, the text reproduced on page 4 of L/4623/Add.9 should be amended as follows:

"(c) The Salt monopoly covers the extraction, production and the importation of salt (sodium chloride) both in pure state and mixed up with other elements. Stone salt as a mineral raw material is the property of the Federation.

"The Federal Ministry for Finance and its subordinated finance authorities are competent for all matters of monopoly law, for the handling of legal provisions concerning imports of salt and for the prosecution of violations of the monopoly regulations.

"All matters of the economic administration of the Salt monopoly, especially the production of salt and the distribution to wholesale trade and to large-scale consumers, are carried out by the 'Osterreichische Salinen AG', a shareholder company the shares of which are held by the Federation.

"The 'Osterreichische Salinen AG' has to fulfill the tasks delegated to it according to commercial principles and in such a way that the domestic requirements for salt is secured. It has to carry out the administration of the monopoly in accordance with commercial considerations. The 'Osterreichische Salinen AG' is capable to meet all the Austrian requirements for salt for human consumption, for cattle-salt, for industrial salt and for salt in its fluid state. Chemically pure sodium chloride for medical purposes and for analyses are mainly imported owing to the fact that there is no domestic production. The importation is not carried out by the monopoly administration but by private enterprises.

"The extraction, production and importation of salt by somebody else than the 'Osterreichische Salinen AG' are subject to an authorization by the monopoly administration. There are exceptions to this rule, and in particular salt which is imported by travellers, on board or by diplomats is exempt from all import duties and import charges. Salt imports by the monopoly administration are also imported free of duty and of other import charges."

The Statistical Annex concerning the financial monopolies shall be replaced by Annex I to this letter.

B. Grain equalization fund

No changes have occurred since the last full notification in 1978. The Statistical Annex should, however, be replaced by Annex II to this letter.

ANNEX I

TARIFF ITEM	STATE TRADING COMMODITY	IMPORTS		
		1977	1978	1979
22.08	Ethyl alcohol hl 1000 S	142 427	115 487	144 568
ex 22.09	Spirits hl 1000 S	25,421 107,916	16,440 62,801	20,888 87,563
24.01	Tobacco, raw. 100 kgs. 1000 S	125,761 496,350	131,263 498,374	135,541 560,520
24.02	Cigars 100 kgs. 1000 S	48 1,689	59 1,683	50 1,472
	Cigarettes 100 kgs. 1000 S	9,001 81,330	8,160 86,901	7,365 79,420
	Other tobacco products 100 kgs. 1000 S	10,099 25,972	504 6,364	450 7,131
25.01	Table salt. 100 kgs. 1000 S	2/	2/	2/
	Cattle and rock salt 100 kgs. 1000 S	2/	2/	2/
	Salt for commerce 100 kgs. 1000 S	217,319 1/	4,312 1/	2/
	Industrial salt 100 kgs. 1000 S	2/	2/	2/
	Salt for road maintenance 100 kgs. 1000 S	2/	2/	2/
	Salt liquors m ³	-	-	-

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

2/ Data are not available.

TARIFF ITEM	STATE TRADING COMMODITY	EXPORTS		
		1977	1978	1979
22.08	Ethyl alcohol	19	19	35
	1000 S	60	54	89
ex 22.09	Spirits	16,393	17,222	13,056
	1000 S	63,324	68,828	58,544
24.01	Tobacco, raw	5,502	5,430	4,824
	100 kgs. 1000 S	39,778	33,226	44,575
24.02	Cigars	213	279	314
	100 kgs. 1000 S	3,750	3,777	4,327
	Cigarettes	2,294	2,343	2,375
	100 kgs. 1000 S	27,656	39,127	37,057
25.01	Other tobacco products	960	82	-
	100 kgs. 1000 S	7,808	19	-
	Table salt	-	-	-
	100 kgs. 1000 S	-	-	-
	Cattle and rock salt	-	-	-
	100 kgs. 1000 S	-	-	-
	Salt for commerce	-	-	-
	100 kgs. 1000 S	-	-	-
	Industrial salt	-	-	-
	100 kgs. 1000 S	-	-	-
	Salt for road maintenance	-	-	-
	100 kgs. 1000 S	-	-	-
	Salt liquors m ³	-	-	-

TARIFF ITEM	STATE TRADING COMMODITY	DOMESTIC SALES		
		1977	1978	1979
22.08 ex 22.09	Ethyl alcohol hl 1000 S	240,679	242,800	258,288
	Spirits hl 1000 S	944,339	970,171	1,016,832
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24.01	Tobacco, raw 100 kgs. 1000 S	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
24.02	Cigars 100 kgs. 1000 S	5,419	2,861	2,820
	Cigarettes 100 kgs. 1000 S	141,658	140,069	143,202
	Other tobacco products 100 kgs. 1000 S	147,049	151,650	157,107
		11,343,000	11,800,993	12,512,466
		522	2,771	2,636
		116,342	110,532	110,860
25.01	Table salt 100 kgs. 1000 S	439,860	438,497	443,488
	Cattle and rock salt 100 kgs. 1000 S	190,722	199,420	206,493
	Salt for commerce 100 kgs. 1000 S	210,990	223,412	231,614
	Industrial salt 100 kgs. 1000 S	33,553	37,569	39,582
		453,323	441,507	491,017
		60,443	64,657	72,543
		1,525,419	1,476,478	1,553,050
		44,942	45,532	47,905
		902,368	1,370,154	1,286,315
		88,578	139,542	136,024
	Salt liquors ³ m	616,831	609,714	650,119

2/ Data not available.

3/ Domestic production of tobacco, raw 100 kgs: 1977 : 5840; 1978 : 8070; 1979 : 3183

ANNEX II
Statistical Annex

Tariff Item	Description	Imports	Exports (in '000 tons)	Production
10.01	Other wheat and meslin	-	173	1.326
10.02	Other rye	-	-	410
10.03	Fodder barley and other barley	3	46	1.426
10.04	Fodder oats and other oats	5	-	304
10.05	Fodder maize and maize for grinding	7	1	1.166
10.07	Millet of all kind, buckwheat and other cereals	3	-	128
11.01	Flour of wheat, maize and other cereals	2	-	624

