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NORWAY

The following communication, dated 10 June 1985, has been received from the delegation of Norway. It updates the information contained in Norway's last full notification on State trading, document L/5601/Add.8.

The text under II.D Norwegian Medical Depot (Norsk Medisinaldepot, NMD) on page 3 should be amended to read as follows:

"D. The Norwegian Medical Depot (Norsk Medisinaldepot, NMD).

The Norwegian Medical Depot was established by the Act of 27 February 1953 No.1 and has been in operation since 1957. This establishment was intended to rationalize the wholesale trade of drugs (pharmaceutical specialities) and of substances used for drug-production, and to ensure sufficient supply of such products both in ordinary times and in emergencies. The purpose of NMD is also to contribute in stabilizing prices of pharmaceutical products to consumers. NMD is able to influence prices of raw materials by choosing their suppliers. Prices for pharmaceutical Specialities are fixed by the Norwegian Medicines Control Authority (SLK)."

Statistical informationA. The Norwegian Grain Corporation (Statens Kornforretning)

Year	Imports of grain and feeding stuff	National grain production
1984	461,000 tons NOK 563 Mill.	1,405,000 tons

B. The wine monopoly (A/S Vinmonopolet)

CCCN	Commodities	Imports 1984		Exports 1984	
		1,000 Litres	NOK 1,000	1,000 Litres	NOK 1,000
22.03	Beer made from malt	102	512		
22.05	Wine of fresh grapes, etc.	17,592	125,989		
22.06	Vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with aromatic ext.	950	11,348		
22.09	Spirits (other than No. 2208) liqueurs and other spirituous beverages, etc.	6,885	83,202	452	11,603
29.04	Isopropanol	4,043	12,088		

Production 1984

22.06 89,000 litres

22.09 3,544,000 litres

C. The Norwegian Fishing Equipment Corporation (Norges Fiskeredskapsimport)

Sales figures for 1983 for the Norwegian Fishing Equipment Corporation
(all products sold are imported)

Products	1983
Yarns of synthetic fibres (continuous)	1,039.7
Twines of synthetic fibres (continuous)	507.9
Monof. yarns, synthetic	57.4
Yarns of synthetic fibres (discontinuous)	107.9
Cordage and ropes, synthetic	13.2
Fishing nets, synthetic	305.3
	2,031.4
Total value in NOK million	52.6

D. Norwegian Medical Depot (Norsk Medisinaldepot, NMD)

Imports, exports and Norwegian production of pharmaceutical products
(NOK 1,000) in 1984:

Imports by NMD	963,443
NMD's purchase from Norwegian suppliers	343,807
Exports by NMD	4,709