



Statistics Committee
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**Compliance with the provision of
statistical data
Coffee years 2007/08 to 2015/16 and
October to December 2016**

Background

1. This document provides information on the compliance of Members with the Rules on Statistics approved by the Council which are contained in documents [ICC-102-9](#) – Certificates of Origin; and [ICC-102-10](#) – Statistical Reports.
2. The information contained herein covers each coffee year from 2007/08 to 2015/16 and from October to December 2016. The report includes information received up to 28 February 2017. It should be noted that the report now includes all data required under the new Rules on Statistics as Members have had more than six years to adjust to the new requirements.
3. Compliance by exporting Members in respect to the provision of timely statistics for all data required is summarised in Annexes 10 and 10A. Similarly, Annex 11 shows the compliance by importing Members.

Action

The Statistics Committee is requested to examine the compliance status of each Member of the Organization, in order to make appropriate recommendations to the Council.

**COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF STATISTICAL DATA
COFFEE YEARS 2007/08 TO 2015/16
OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2016**

Statistics provided by exporting Members

- *Preliminary monthly exports (Annex 1)*

1. Exporting Members are requested to send to the Organization, not later than **30 days** after the close of each month, information on the total exports in the previous month. If final figures are not available, provisional figures or estimates may be provided (see paragraph 3 (a) of the Rules on Statistics – Statistical Reports, document [ICC-102-10](#)).

- *Monthly Reports on exports (Annex 2)*

2. Exporting Members are requested to send to the Organization, not later than **60 days** after the close of each month, information on the volume and value of exports by form of coffee and by country of destination for the month under report. This information should be based on the relevant Certificates of Origin issued to cover coffee shipped during that period under report and should comply with the format specified in Annex I-B of the Rules on Statistics – Statistical Reports, document [ICC-102-10](#).

- *Certificates of Origin (Annex 3)*

3. Exporting Members are requested to transmit data in electronic files or to forward the first copy of each Certificate of Origin together with a copy of the relevant Bill of Lading to the Organization (see paragraph 5 of Rule 4 of the Rules on Statistics – Certificates of Origin, document [ICC-102-9](#)). In coffee year 2015/16, 84.4% of world exports have been based on data received through Certificates of Origin¹. Of the 123,370² records stored in the database for the period October 2015 to September 2016, 122,359 records – equivalent to almost 99.2% of the total – were received electronically, whereas the remaining 1,011 records were keyed in.

4. The Rules on Statistics that came into force simultaneously with the ICA 2007 have introduced some changes to the procedures on the compliance by Members. Any exporting Member that encounters difficulties with the implementation of the current Rules should contact the Organization to request assistance. The volume of exports from exporting

¹ Data received from some exporting Members are believed to be partial.

² Including 598 records from former ICO Members.

Members from whom no Certificates of Origin have been received by the Organization amount to 15.6% of the total volume exported in coffee year 2015/16. As established in paragraph 4 of Article 33 of the ICA 2007, exporting Members that may opt to issue an alternative document are required to send electronic data or the equivalent document they issue as a replacement to the ICO Certificate of Origin.

- *Monthly prices paid to growers (Annex 4)*

5. Exporting Members are requested to send to the Organization information on the average price received by growers for their produce or the minimum price, if any, guaranteed by the Government to the growers on a monthly basis (see paragraph 1 (a) of the Rules on Statistics – Statistical Reports, document [ICC-102-10](#)).

- *Annual data on opening stocks, production and internal consumption (Annex 5)*

6. Exporting Members are requested to send to the Organization estimates of production and domestic consumption for the current crop year and the following crop year and closing stocks at the end of each crop year (see paragraph 1 (b) and (c) of the Rules on Statistics – Statistical Reports, document [ICC-102-10](#)). Those exporting Members producing/exporting more than one type of coffee or using different processing methods (dry and wet) are also requested to indicate, in percentage terms, the type and method of processing. Information on the crop percentage distribution by quarter and the area under coffee and number of trees should also be sent on an annual basis (see paragraph 1 (c) of document [ICC-102-10](#)).

- *Report on imports (in effect from February 2012)*

7. Exporting Members are requested to send to the Organization **monthly** information on the volume and value of imports of coffee, if any, by form (and type, where applicable) by country of origin. This information can be provided according to the relevant Harmonised System (HS) codes by product. Where monthly information is not available, annual data should be provided within **60 days** after the end of each calendar year (see paragraph 1 (a) of the Rules on Statistics – Statistical Reports, document [ICC-102-10](#)).

- *Monthly retail prices (in effect from February 2012)*

8. Exporting Members are requested to send to the Organization information on the representative retail market prices for roasted and/or soluble coffee for the month under report (see paragraph 1 (a) of document [ICC-102-10](#)).

- *Area under coffee (in effect from February 2012)*

9. Exporting Members are requested to send to the Organization, on an annual basis, information on the area under coffee – number of trees with respective area in production and number of new trees (not yet in production) – see paragraph 1 (c) of document [ICC-102-10](#)).

10. It should be noted that since the Rules came into effect in February 2012, very few exporting Members have complied with the requests outlined in paragraphs 7 to 9 above.

Statistics provided by importing Members

- *Monthly Reports on imports and re-exports (Annex 6)*

11. Importing Members are requested to send complete reports to the Organization by email or fax, not later than **60 days** after the close of each month, information on the volume and value of imports by form of coffee and by country of origin and on the volume and value of re-exports by form of coffee and by country of destination for the month under report (see paragraph 3 (c) of document [ICC-102-10](#)). Statistical information published by Eurostat has been used for European Union data from January 2014.

- *Monthly retail prices (Annex 7)*

12. Importing Members are requested to send to the Organization information on the representative retail market prices for roasted and/or soluble coffee for the month under report (see paragraph 2 (a) of document [ICC-102-10](#)).

13. A number of importing Members have informed the Organization that they were unable to comply with the provision of data on retail prices. The reasons being that the information provided was deemed to be confidential, the series provided did not reflect purchases by consumers or the data were no longer collected.

Current situation on retail prices

Data no longer provided	Data not collected (notified by Member)	Data not available
Belgium	Croatia Estonia Greece Romania Switzerland	Ireland Tunisia

The remaining importing Members provide the information regularly.

- *Information on roastings (Annex 8)*

14. Importing Members are requested to send to the Organization information on the amount of green coffee that has been roasted at the end of each quarter/calendar year, if available (see paragraph 2 (b) of document [ICC-102-10](#)).

- *Information on inventories (Annex 9)*

15. Importing Members are requested to send to the Organization information on the stocks of green coffee held by importers and roasters on the last day of the quarter/calendar year, if this information is available (see paragraph 2 (b) of document [ICC-102-10](#)).

- *Information on changes made on taxes and duties, laws and regulations of coffee exports and imports in the country*

16. **All Members** are requested to send to the Organization information on changes or revisions in the current level of taxes and duties on coffee exports/imports, or to the laws and regulations of coffee exports/imports in the country (see paragraphs 1 (d) and 2(c) of document [ICC-102-10](#)).

Summary tables and conclusions (Annexes 10, 10A, 11 and 12)

17. Annex 10 shows the strict compliance of exporting Members with the Organization's statistical requirements in coffee year 2015/16. Out of 42 exporting Members in the current membership of the Agreement only 2 (representing 13.9%) generally complied fully, while 9 (40.8%) had good compliance. A further 11 countries (34.8%) had partial compliance. Similarly, Annex 11 shows full compliance by 35 importing Members representing 100% of average annual imports by all importing Members in the four coffee years 2012/13 to 2015/16.

18. There are 14 exporting Members entirely failing to comply with their statistical obligations. Total exports by these Members represent 3% of the average exports in the last four coffee years. In addition to these, another 6 exporting Members, together accounting for 7.4% of the exports in the period, also show a poor compliance performance. Finally, exports by 8 producing non-member countries, who were former Members under the ICA 2001, represent 0.2% of the average total exports in the last four coffee years.

19. Annex 10A shows the data received from exporting Members in coffee year 2015/16 as at 28 February 2017. It includes data received in compliance with the Statistical Rules, as well as data received outside the dates stipulated in these Rules. In this alternative analysis out of 42 exporting Members in the current membership of the Agreement 9 exporting Members (representing 48.4%) generally complied fully, while another 15 exporting Members (45.1%) had good compliance. One further country (0.3%) had partial compliance.

20. This alternative analysis shows that 14 exporting Members fail entirely to comply with their statistical obligations representing 3% of average exports over the last four coffee years. In addition to these, another 3 exporting Members, accounting for just 3% of the exports in the period, also show a poor compliance performance. As reported above, exports by 8 producing non-member countries, who were former Members under the ICA 2001, represent 0.2% of the average total exports in the last four coffee years.

21. There are 25 exporting Members with generally full, good and part compliance in Annex 10A representing 93.9%, compared to 22 exporting Members (89.4%) in Annex 10. The same comparison for exporting Members who either fail entirely to comply with their statistical obligations or who have poor compliance is 17 exporting Members (6%) in Annex 10A compared to 20 exporting Members (10.4%) in Annex 10. The conclusion reached is that certain exporting Members are failing to comply by sending their statistical data in a timely manner in accordance with the Statistical Rules and that when data received after the stipulated deadlines is included this clearly enhances the percentage of data received. Since the previous Report on Compliance in September 2016, the Secretariat has once again written to all exporting Member countries and requested all missing data. As a result it can be seen from this Report that Compliance with the provision of statistical data shows a marked improvement compared to the situation reported in September 2016.

22. On the importing side, Tunisia has sent to the Organization monthly reports on imports and re-exports of coffee for the period January 2015 to October 2016. Annual data on their coffee trade have been provided up to calendar year 2014.

23. Timely provision of production and internal consumption estimates by most producing countries continues to be unsatisfactory, particularly for the last six crop years. Exporting Members should be made aware that statistical information is essential for the reliability of the reports and for the accuracy of the supply/demand analysis released by the Organization.

24. Exporting and importing Members are required to keep the Organization informed of any changes to their existing level of taxes and duties on imports and exports of coffee and on the laws and regulations currently in effect in each country.

25. Annex 12 shows the compliance by exporting Members in the provision of new statistical information that is required following the entry into force of the ICA 2007.

Recommendations

26. The Rules on Statistics contained in documents [ICC-102-9](#) and [ICC-102-10](#), Certificates of Origin and Statistical Reports, respectively, have now been in effect for six years. Members that encounter difficulties in implementing these Rules in their countries are invited to contact the Secretariat with a view to seeking a solution on how timely reports and data can be prepared in accordance with the requirements specified. The Organization is willing to implement workshops to assist Members in the preparation of Monthly and Quarterly Reports. In addition, a video guide on the compilation of statistical reports is available on the ICO website.