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**Progress report on the implementation
of the Coffee Quality-Improvement
Programme (CQP)**

Background

1. Since the adoption of Resolution number 420 in May 2004 exporting and importing Members have reiterated their commitment to pursuing a Coffee Quality-Improvement Programme (CQP) in order to promote quality as a means to enhance sustainability of the coffee economy, to increase consumption, to add value and to provide consumer satisfaction (see document ICC-90-9).
2. In accordance with the Resolution, exporting Members are invited to indicate in box 17 of all Certificates of Origin issued, from 1 June 2004, information on the quality of the coffee exported by defects and moisture content. The Organization would then be able to monitor the level of compliance with the target standards based on the data received.
3. This document presents a summary for calendar years 2003 and 2004 of the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (LIFFE) Robusta gradings, and also provides information on progress in implementing the CQP under the provisions of Resolution number 420 in exporting Member countries from June to November 2004 based on data extracted from Certificates of Origin. The previous report on the CQP was contained in document WP-Quality No. 63/04.

Action

The Quality Committee is requested to take note of this report.

1. Following the adoption of Resolution number 420 by the Council in May 2004, exporting Members have been requested to comply with the provisions of the Resolution. As compliance is voluntary, the information on quality received from exporting Members has been monitored for coffee shipments that took place from 1 June 2004 – when the Resolution came into effect. It should be noted that the period covered by the data received (June to November 2004) varies from country to country. See Annex Tables II and III for details.

2. Data extracted from Certificates of Origin issued to cover coffee shipped from June to November 2004 received by the Organization – in electronic format or physical documentation – indicate that 11 exporting Members have so far fully implemented Resolution number 420. These Members are: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Mexico, Nicaragua and Papua New Guinea. Data extracted from Certificates of Origin issued by Tanzania for only one of its ports of export also comply with the Resolution. The authorities in this country have been requested to include the missing information on quality for all ports from which coffee is shipped.

3. The Organization continues to monitor the daily gradings for Robusta coffee carried out by LIFFE since April 2001 at most European ports. Contacts have also been made with the New York Board of Trade (NYBOT) to ascertain whether it would be possible for a similar exercise be undertaken by the NYBOT with respect to the “C” Contract.

4. Historically, LIFFE started posting gradings results on its website from April 2001. The Organization has monitored data from October 2002, when the Coffee Quality-Improvement Programme (CQP) was introduced under Resolution number 407. Annex Tables I-A and I-B show, respectively, information on volumes graded by LIFFE in calendar years 2003 and 2004 by origin and by destination by grade. In particular total gradings are compared with coffees classified by LIFFE under types 3, 4 and untenderable in accordance with its grading system. These grades are deemed to fall below the ICO target standards.

5. Annex Table II gives information on the total volume of green coffee by type exported by all exporting Members and by those 12 countries complying with the provisions of Resolution number 420 in the periods June to September 2004 (coffee year 2003/04) and for October and November 2004 (coffee year 2004/05) – although not all of these countries have been complying since 1 June 2004 and data may not have been received from all 12 countries for coffee year 2004/05.

6. During the six months since the Resolution came into effect some 40.7 million bags of green coffee have been exported – of which 27.2 million bags are Arabica and 13.5 million bags are Robusta. In accordance with data extracted from the Certificates of Origin issued by

the 12 exporting Members that have implemented the Resolution¹ the total volume of green coffee exported by these countries amounts to 18.7 million bags – of which, 18.2 million bags are Arabica and 0.5 million bags are Robusta.

7. The figures presented in paragraph 6 above indicate that 66.77% of the total volume of Arabica green coffee exported complies with the provisions of Resolution number 420 in comparison with only 3.75% of the total volume of green Robusta coffee exported in the same period. The low compliance by Robusta exporters is indicated by export data available from Brazil, Ecuador and Tanzania only. This shows that the biggest Robusta exporters, mainly Vietnam, Indonesia and most African countries, are still to implement the Resolution fully in their countries. Had data been received by all 12 countries in the period covered by this report, the total volume of Arabica green coffee exported, in compliance with the Resolution, would probably reach 80% of the total volume exported.

8. Annex Table III gives, for the 12 exporting Members complying with Resolution number 420, a breakdown of the volume of green coffee exported by type and by origin in accordance with classification specified in the Resolution and their corresponding percentages. In other words, the total volume of green coffee exported by each of these Members and the volume classified under “S” – in full compliance with the Resolution targets; “XD” – volume that falls below the defect target; “XM” – volume that falls below the moisture target; and, “XDM” – volume that falls below both defect and moisture targets.

9. The Organization will continue to monitor LIFFE gradings as well as compliance with Resolution number 420 by exporting Members.

¹ *Data on Certificates of Origin have not been received from six of these 12 countries for October and November 2004 (coffee year 2004/05)*

LIFFE ROBUSTA GRADINGS BY ORIGIN, BY DESTINATION AND BY TYPE

Calendar year	2003
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Sum of 60-kg bags		Port of destination											Grand Total
Country of origin	Type	Antwerp	Barcelona	Bremen	Felixtowe	Genoa	Hamburg	Le Havre	London	Marseilles	Rotterdam	Trieste	
Brazil	0	2 667	0	0	0	2 083	0	0	2 417	0	0	0	7 167
	3	87 000	0	0	1 583	37 917	0	0	1 000	0	0	11 167	138 667
	4	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
Brazil Total		89 667	0	0	1 583	40 083	0	0	3 417	0	0	11 167	145 917
Congo, Dem. Rep. of	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	833	833
Congo, Dem. Rep. of Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	833	833
Cote d'Ivoire	0	1 750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 750
	3	38 000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	667	0	0	38 667
	4	667	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	750
Cote d'Ivoire Total		40 417	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	667	0	0	41 167
Ghana	0	1 750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 750
	3	4 583	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 250	5 833
	4	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	583	833
Ghana Total		6 583	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 833	8 417
Guinea	0	55 583	0	0	0	6 833	6 667	83	0	0	0	5 333	74 500
	3	42 833	0	0	0	12 917	667	250	0	0	0	16 250	72 917
	4	6 000	0	0	0	0	0	417	0	0	0	500	6 917
Guinea Total		104 417	0	0	0	19 750	7 333	750	0	0	0	22 083	154 333
India	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	83
	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	83
India Total		0	0	0	0	0	83	0	83	0	0	0	167
Indonesia	0	10 000	0	0	0	0	3 167	0	0	0	0	0	13 167
	3	11 750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11 750
Indonesia Total		21 750	0	0	0	0	3 167	0	0	0	0	0	24 917
Madagascar	0	3 583	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	3 667
	3	6 500	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 667
Madagascar Total		10 083	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	10 333
Nigeria	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
	3	583	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	583
Nigeria Total		667	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	667
Sierra Leone	0	2 750	0	0	0	0	833	0	0	0	0	83	3 667
	3	333	0	0	0	0	1 667	0	0	0	0	1 167	3 167
Sierra Leone Total		3 083	0	0	0	0	2 500	0	0	0	0	1 250	6 833
Tanzania	3	1 500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 500
	4	1 583	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 583
Tanzania Total		3 083	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 083
Thailand	0	833	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	833
	3	11 167	0	0	0	0	1 333	0	0	0	0	0	12 500
Thailand Total		12 000	0	0	0	0	1 333	0	0	0	0	0	13 333
Vietnam	0	330 917	0	83	0	0	583	0	0	833	83	2 750	335 250
	3	459 666	0	1 167	0	0	18 083	0	0	500	3 750	3 000	486 166
	4	32 333	0	0	0	0	167	0	0	0	0	83	32 583
Vietnam Total		822 916	0	1 250	0	0	18 833	0	0	1 333	3 833	5 833	854 000
Grand Total		1 114 666	167	1 250	1 583	59 833	33 333	750	3 500	2 000	3 833	43 083	1 263 999

Calendar year 2004

LIFFE ROBUSTA GRADINGS BY ORIGIN, BY DESTINATION AND BY TYPE

Sum of 60-kg bags		Port of destination											Grand Total
Country of origin	Type	Antwerp	Barcelona	Bremen	Felixtowe	Genoa	Hamburg	Le Havre	London	Marseilles	Rotterdam	Trieste	
Brazil	0	10 417	0	0	0	917	0	0	0	0	0	1 333	12 667
	3	48 333	2 583	0	333	51 167	0	0	4 917	0	0	19 500	126 833
	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 417	4 417
Brazil Total		58 750	2 583	0	333	52 083	0	0	4 917	0	0	25 250	143 917
Cameroon	0	3 750	917	0	0	0	0	1 500	0	0	0	2 583	8 750
	3	417	500	0	0	0	0	917	0	0	0	0	1 833
Cameroon Total		4 167	1 417	0	0	0	0	2 417	0	0	0	2 583	10 583
Central African Republic	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
Central African Republic Total		83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
Congo, Dem. Rep. of	0	1 167	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	1 417
Congo, Dem. Rep. of Total		1 167	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	1 417
Cote d'Ivoire	0	72 917	0	0	0	4 167	333	0	0	12 167	0	9 083	98 667
	3	89 500	0	0	0	28 917	8 083	8 583	0	23 167	0	8 917	167 167
	4	20 917	0	0	0	0	1 000	0	0	1 917	0	2 500	26 333
Cote d'Ivoire Total		183 333	0	0	0	33 083	9 417	8 583	0	37 250	0	20 500	292 167
Ghana	0	4 583	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 583
	3	1 250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 250
	4	833	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	833
Ghana Total		6 667	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 667
Guinea	0	25 667	0	0	0	9 333	250	0	0	0	0	0	35 250
	3	25 000	0	0	0	3 500	667	0	0	0	0	0	29 167
	4	4 583	0	0	0	3 000	750	0	0	0	0	0	8 333
Guinea Total		55 250	0	0	0	15 833	1 667	0	0	0	0	0	72 750
India	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	250
India Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	250
Indonesia	0	35 333	0	1 917	0	2 417	33 667	0	417	0	0	0	73 750
	3	14 500	583	0	0	3 333	2 667	0	0	0	0	0	21 083
	4	4 583	0	0	0	1 500	83	0	0	0	0	0	6 167
Indonesia Total		54 417	583	1 917	0	7 250	36 417	0	417	0	0	0	101 000
Madagascar	0	8 917	333	0	0	0	0	917	0	0	0	0	10 167
	3	6 333	1 000	0	0	0	0	83	0	167	0	0	7 583
	4	3 333	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	250	0	0	4 083
Madagascar Total		18 583	1 333	0	0	0	0	1 500	0	417	0	0	21 833
Nigeria	0	417	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	417
	3	1 083	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 083
	4	583	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	583
Nigeria Total		2 083	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 083
Sierra Leone	0	2 000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 333	4 333
	3	3 167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 000	1 417	8 583
	4	917	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	917
Sierra Leone Total		6 083	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 000	3 750	13 833

Calendar year 2004

LIFFE ROBUSTA GRADINGS BY ORIGIN, BY DESTINATION AND BY TYPE

Sum of 60-kg bags		Port of destination											
Country of origin	Type	Antwerp	Barcelona	Bremen	Felixtowe	Genoa	Hamburg	Le Havre	London	Marseilles	Rotterdam	Trieste	Grand Total
Tanzania	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167	0	0	167
Tanzania	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167	0	0	167
Thailand	0	2 500	0	0	0	0	1 833	0	0	0	0	0	4 333
Thailand	3	38 917	0	0	0	0	19 833	0	0	0	0	0	58 750
Thailand	4	1 667	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 667
Thailand	Total	43 083	0	0	0	0	21 667	0	0	0	0	0	64 750
Togo	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
Togo	3	3 917	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 917
Togo	Total	4 417	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 417
Uganda	0	2 417	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 417
Uganda	3	2 250	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 333
Uganda	4	333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	333
Uganda	Total	5 000	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	5 083
Vietnam	0	582 250	2 000	20 167	0	1 000	58 917	5 167	17 500	0	6 417	4 750	698 167
Vietnam	3	1 346 083	2 750	6 917	0	0	125 250	3 417	28 250	0	174 083	55 250	1 742 000
Vietnam	4	124 333	0	167	0	0	12 583	1 083	1 000	0	6 583	2 667	148 417
Vietnam	Total	2 052 667	4 750	27 250	0	1 000	196 750	9 667	46 750	0	187 083	62 667	2 588 583
Grand Total		2 495 750	10 667	29 167	333	109 333	265 917	22 417	52 333	37 833	191 083	114 750	3 329 583

Volume of coffee by type and volume classified under the provisions of Resolution number 420

		60-kg bags										
		Total green coffee exported			Classification in accordance with Resolution number 420							
Exporting Member	Period covered	Arabica	Robusta	Total	"S" (full compliance with Res. No. 420 targets)		"XD" (below defect target)		"XM" (below moisture target)		"XDM" (below defect & moisture targets)	
					volume	% on total	volume	% on total	volume	% on total	volume	% on total
coffee year 2003/04												
All exporting Members		18 143 522	9 554 050	27 697 572								
Bolivia	Jun-Sep 2004	40 674	0	40 674	39 077	96.07	0		0		0	
Brazil	Jun-Sep 2004	7 266 894	353 864	7 620 758	6 872 232	90.18	54 400	0.71	0		0	
Colombia	Jun-Sep 2004	2 623 311	0	2 623 311	1 810 017	69.00	0		0		0	
Costa Rica	Jun-Sep 2004	444 201	0	444 201	183 324	41.27	1 458	0.33	2 875	0.65	0	
Dominican Republic	Jun-Sep 2004	12 482	0	12 482	11 984	96.01	0		0		0	
Ecuador	Jul-Sep 2004	83 832	20 869	104 701	33 977	32.45	0		0		0	
El Salvador	Jul-Sep 2004	458 148	0	458 148	251 844	54.97	4 111	0.90	3 766	0.82	863	0.19
Ethiopia	Jul-Sep 2004	995 704	0	995 704	957 533	96.17	0		0		0	
Mexico	Sep 2004	618 875	0	618 875	82 301	13.30	0		0		0	
Nicaragua	Jun-Sep 2004	488 236	0	488 236	404 586	82.87	0		1 554	0.32	0	
Tanzania	Aug-Sep 2004	34 077	20 334	54 411	14 607	26.85	0		0		0	
Total		13 066 434	395 067	13 461 501	10 661 482	79.20	59 969	0.45	8 195	0.06	863	0.01
Percentage reported on total exported		72.02	4.14	48.60								
coffee year 2004/05												
All exporting Members		9 043 992	3 972 487	13 016 479								
Brazil	Oct-Nov 2004	4 525 621	91 326	4 616 947	4 533 954	98.20	34 480	0.75	0		0	
Costa Rica	Oct-Nov 2004	128 981	0	128 981	76 741	59.50	1 458	1.13	4 942	3.83	0	
El Salvador	Oct-Nov 2004	73 567	0	73 567	68 333	92.89	4 025	5.47	633	0.86	0	
Mexico	Oct-Nov 2004	118 454	1 007	119 461	118 453	99.16	0		0		0	
Papua New Guinea	Oct-Nov 2004	174 721	649	175 370	149 528	85.26	25 121	14.32	0		0	
Tanzania	Oct 2004	64 993	19 584	84 577	25 732	30.42	0	0.00	0		0	
Total		5 086 337	112 566	5 198 903	4 972 741	95.65	65 084	1.25	5 575	0.11	0	
Percentage reported on total exported		56.24	2.83	39.94								

Note: Data for Tanzania refer to only one port of export

Breakdown of classification under the provisions of Resolution number 420

		60-kg bags											
		"S" (full compliance with Res. No. 420 targets)			"XD" (below defect target)			"XM" (below moisture target)			"XDM" (below defect and moisture targets)		
Exporting Member	Period covered	Arabica	Robusta	Total	Arabica	Robusta	Total	Arabica	Robusta	Total	Arabica	Robusta	Total
Coffee year 2003/04													
Total reported		10 329 439	332 043	10 661 482	59 969	0	59 969	8 195	0	8 195	863	0	863
Bolivia	Jun-Sep 2004	39 077	0	39 077	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brazil	Jun-Sep 2004	6 547 009	325 223	6 872 232	54 400	0	54 400	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colombia	Jun-Sep 2004	1 810 017	0	1 810 017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costa Rica	Jun-Sep 2004	183 324	0	183 324	1 458	0	1 458	2 875	0	2 875	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	Jun-Sep 2004	11 984	0	11 984	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ecuador	Jul-Sep 2004	33 977	0	33 977	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Salvador	Jul-Sep 2004	251 844	0	251 844	4 111	0	4 111	3 766	0	3 766	863	0	863
Ethiopia	Jul-Sep 2004	957 533	0	957 533	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico	Sep 2004	82 301	0	82 301	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicaragua	Jun-Sep 2004	404 586	0	404 586	0	0	0	1 554	0	1 554	0	0	0
Tanzania	Aug-Sep 2004	7 787	6 820	14 607	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coffee year 2004/05													
Total reported		4 882 194	90 547	4 972 741	65 084	0	65 084	5 575	0	5 575	0	0	0
Brazil	Oct-Nov 2004	4 444 006	89 948	4 533 954	34 480	0	34 480	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costa Rica	Oct 2004	76 741	0	76 741	1 458	0	1 458	4 942	0	4 942	0	0	0
El Salvador	Oct-Nov 2004	68 333	0	68 333	4 025	0	4 025	633	0	633	0	0	0
Mexico	Oct-Nov 2004	118 453	0	118 453	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	Oct-Nov 2004	148 929	599	149 528	25 121	0	25 121	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tanzania	Oct 2004	25 732	0	25 732	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coffee year 2003/04													
		Percentage											
		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Bolivia	Jun-Sep 2004	0.38	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brazil	Jun-Sep 2004	63.38	97.95	64.46	90.71	0.00	90.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Colombia	Jun-Sep 2004	17.52	0.00	16.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Costa Rica	Jun-Sep 2004	1.77	0.00	1.72	2.43	0.00	2.43	35.08	0.00	35.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dominican Republic	Jun-Sep 2004	0.12	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	Jul-Sep 2004	0.33	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
El Salvador	Jul-Sep 2004	2.44	0.00	2.36	6.86	0.00	6.86	45.95	0.00	45.95	100.00	0.00	100.00
Ethiopia	Jul-Sep 2004	9.27	0.00	8.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mexico	Sep 2004	0.80	0.00	0.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nicaragua	Jun-Sep 2004	3.92	0.00	3.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.96	0.00	18.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	Aug-Sep 2004	0.08	2.05	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coffee year 2004/05													
		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brazil	Oct-Nov 2004	91.02	99.34	91.18	52.98	0.00	52.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Costa Rica	Oct 2004	1.57	0.00	1.54	2.24	0.00	2.24	88.65	0.00	88.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
El Salvador	Oct-Nov 2004	1.40	0.00	1.37	6.18	0.00	6.18	11.35	0.00	11.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mexico	Oct-Nov 2004	2.43	0.00	2.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Papua New Guinea	Oct-Nov 2004	3.05	0.66	3.01	38.60	0.00	38.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	Oct 2004	0.53	0.00	0.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00