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Preliminary results of the 3rd survey on inventories and stocks of green coffee as at 10 September 2004

Background

1. At the meeting of the Statistics Committee in January 2004, the Committee agreed that a 3rd survey on the volume of inventories and stocks of green coffee in warehouses and in free ports in importing countries should be conducted from June 2004. The survey should provide a breakdown between Arabica and Robusta stocks held in warehouses as at 31 December 2002 and 2003.
2. The results of the 2nd survey are contained in document WP-Statistics No. 70/04 which was presented to the Committee in January 2004.
3. This document presents the preliminary results by country as at 10 September 2004 based on the replies received from the warehouses contacted, together with tables showing the position of LIFFE and the CSCE certified stocks.

Action

The Statistics Committee is requested to take note of this document.

1. Following the procedures carried out in the first two surveys, 58 warehouses listed in the LIFFE register of approved warehouses for the storage of coffee in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom were contacted to provide information on the volume of green coffee stocks with a breakdown between Arabica and Robusta held as at 31 December 2002 and 2003, wherever possible.

2. Eleven warehouses – in Denmark, Norway, Switzerland and Sweden – were also contacted following their participation in the second survey carried out last year.

3. As at 10 September 2004, 28 replies – representing just over 48% of the warehouses surveyed – have been received. In response to the request made by some warehouse managers that the data on inventories of green coffee be confidential, the results have been aggregated by country in the following table.

**Preliminary results of the 3rd survey on inventories and stocks of green coffee
in importing countries – as at 10 September 2004
(60 kg bags)**

Country	Number of warehouses			Total inventories as at	
	Surveyed	Replied	% replies	31-Dec-02	31-Dec-03
Belgium	9	4	44.44	1,850,417	2,172,797
Denmark	2	0	0.00	n.a.	n.a.
France	6	3	50.00	756,143	550,717
Germany	11	5	45.45	2,094,485	1,582,818
Italy	5	5	100.00	2,417,888	1,641,094
Netherlands	10	5	50.00	194,300	197,750
Norway	3	0	0.00	n.a.	n.a.
Spain	4	3	75.00	326,206	200,432
Sweden	3	1	33.33	4,383	5,283
Switzerland	3	2	66.67	3,400	9,100
U.K.	2	0	0.00	n.a.	n.a.
Total	58	28	48.28	7,647,223	6,359,993

n.a. = not available

4. The information received can be broken down into Arabica and Robusta as follows:

**Preliminary results of the 3rd survey on inventories and stocks of green coffee
Breakdown into Arabica and Robusta
(60 kg bags)**

Country	31-Dec-02			31-Dec-03		
	Arabica	Robusta	Total	Arabica	Robusta	Total
Belgium			1,850,417	178,975	1,236,271	2,172,797
Denmark	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
France	252,646	503,496	756,143	206,669	344,048	550,717
Germany	1,716,701	245,867	2,094,485	1,417,484	165,334	1,582,818
Italy	818,123	744,765	2,417,888	167,450	665,644	1,641,094
Netherlands	50,717	143,584	194,300	46,667	151,084	197,750
Norway	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Spain	65,597	260,609	326,206	31,199	169,233	200,432
Sweden	4,383	0	4,383	5,283	0	5,283
Switzerland			3,400			9,100
U.K.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total	2,908,168	1,898,321	7,647,223	2,053,728	2,731,613	6,359,993
% in total	38.03	24.82		32.29	42.95	

Note: Totals may not necessarily represent the sum of Arabica and Robusta stocks as some warehouses were not able to provide a breakdown of their stocks. From the totals reported, 37.15% and 24.76% of stocks as at 31 December 2002 and 2003, respectively, have not been broken down by type of coffee.

5. The preliminary results presented in this survey compare with the official records of the Organization as follows:

**Inventories and stocks of green coffee
Comparison of the preliminary results and ICO records**

Country	Survey results		ICO records	
	Volume (000 bags) as at			
	31-Dec-02	31-Dec-03	31-Dec-02	31-Dec-03
Austria	n.a.	n.a.	135	131
Belgium	1,850	2,173	4,483	4,619
Denmark	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Finland	n.a.	n.a.	77	n.a.
France	756	551	747	678
Germany	2,094	1,583	3,580	n.a.
Italy	2,418	1,641	1,757	2,062
Japan	n.a.	n.a.	1,717	1,733
Netherlands	194	198	n.a.	n.a.
Norway	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Portugal	n.a.	n.a.	111	n.a.
Spain	326	200	n.a.	n.a.
Sweden	4	5	n.a.	n.a.
Switzerland	3	9	182	228
U.S.A.	n.a.	n.a.	5,720	5,490
U.K.	n.a.	n.a.	141	148
Total	7,647	6,360	18,650	15,089

6. In addition to the results presented above, stocks of certified Robusta coffee in nominated warehouses in European ports posted on the LIFFE Website continue to be monitored. Data are presented in lots of 5 tonnes and include the total number of lots graded with valid grading results, expired grading results and those classified as non-tenderable. The table below shows the position of LIFFE stocks as at the end of December 2003:

Certified Robusta stocks at LIFFE nominated warehouses as at the end of December 2003		
Country	lots of 5 tonnes	60-kilo bags
Belgium	25,286	2,107,167
France	128	10,667
Germany	954	79,500
Italy	2,279	189,917
Netherlands	70	5,833
Spain	80	6,667
U.K.	100	8,333
Total	28,897	2,408,083

Breakdown of LIFFE stocks at nominated warehouses by grading results as at the end of December 2003 (5-ton lots)

Country	Valid certificates	Tenderable	Non-tenderable	Total
Belgium	22,170	1,003	2,113	25,286
France	15	97	16	128
Germany	845	87	22	954
Italy	2,107	8	164	2,279
Netherlands	52	16	2	70
Spain	80	0	0	80
U.K.	99	0	1	100
Total	25,368	1,211	2,318	28,897
(60-kg bags)	2,114,000	100,917	193,167	2,408,083

7. The table that follows shows CSCE certified stocks in the U.S.A and in Europe by port, as at 30 December from 2001 to 2003:

U.S. certified stocks by port as at the end of December 2001 to 2003			
(60-kg bags)			
	2001	2002	2003
Antwerp	n.a.	91,984	802,139
Bremen/Hamburg	n.a.	45,765	534,558
Miami	794,957	788,752	912,315
New Orleans	1,337,154	1,053,424	995,508
New York	724,993	691,181	1,129,141
Total	2,857,104	2,671,106	4,373,661