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**Results of the 3rd survey on inventories and
stocks of green coffee**

Background

1. At the meeting of the Statistics Committee in September 2004, the Committee took note of the preliminary results as at September 2004 of the third survey on the volume of inventories and stocks of green coffee in warehouses in importing countries contained in document WP-Statistics No. 82/04.
2. The final results of the 3rd survey are presented in this document and provide a breakdown between Arabica and Robusta stocks, where available, in warehouses as at 31 December 2002 and 2003.
3. This document also gives the position of the LIFFE and the CSCE certified stocks as at the end of calendar years 2002 and 2003.

Action

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

1. Following the procedures carried out in the first two surveys, 57 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 coffee 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 surveys carried out in previous years. Despite several contacts made since this survey began it is disappointing to receive no data for warehouses in Denmark and the UK. In addition, it was hoped that a higher response from warehouse managers in Norway and Sweden would be received.

3. As at 29 April 2005, 33 replies – representing nearly 58% of the warehouses contacted – 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:

**Results of the 3rd survey on inventories and stocks of green coffee
in importing countries - as at 29 April 2005
(60-kg bags)**

Country	Number of Warehouses			Total inventories as at	
	Surveyed	Replied	% replies	31-Dec-02	31-Dec-03
Belgium	8	6	75.00	1 944 767	3 714 959
Denmark	2	0	0.00	n.a.	n.a.
France	6	3	50.00	756 143	550 717
Germany	11	6	54.55	2 094 485	1 582 818
Italy	5	5	100.00	2 417 888	1 641 094
Netherlands	10	6	60.00	201 896	202 048
Norway	3	1	33.33	836	585
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
UK	2	0	0.00	n.a.	n.a.
Total	57	33	57.89	7 750 004	7 907 037

n.a. = not available

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

**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			1 944 767	253 271	1 288 891	3 714 959
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	201 896	46 667	151 084	202 048
Norway	836	0	836	585	0	585
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
UK	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total	2 909 004	1 898 321	7 750 004	2 128 609	2 784 233	7 907 037
% in total	37.54	24.49		26.92	35.21	

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, 37.97% and 37.87% of stocks as at 31 December 2002 and 2003, respectively, have not been broken down by type of coffee.

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

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

Country	Survey results		ICO records 1/	
	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	1 945	3 715	4 483	4 619
Denmark	n.a.	n.a.	89	89
Finland	n.a.	n.a.	77	94
France	756	551	747	678
Germany	2 094	1 583	3 580	3 400
Ireland	n.a.	n.a.	6	7
Italy	2 418	1 641	1 907	2 212
Japan	n.a.	n.a.	1 717	1 733
Netherlands	202	202	707	707
Norway	1	1	124	124
Portugal	n.a.	n.a.	111	111
Spain	326	200	250	250
Sweden	4	5	87	87
Switzerland	3	9	182	228
USA	n.a.	n.a.	5 720	5 490
UK	n.a.	n.a.	141	148
Total	7 750	7 907	20 063	20 108

1/ Includes stocks in free ports

6. The results shown in the previous table indicate that the stocks surveyed represent 39% of the stocks reported to the Organization as at 31 December 2002 and 2003, respectively. However, it should be noted that the survey results exclude stocks held in the USA which average around 5.6 million bags in these two years.

7. If stocks held in the USA were to be added to the survey results, total stocks of green coffee would then be readjusted as follows:

31 December 2002: 13.47 million bags (67.1% of the stocks reported)

31 December 2003: 13.40 million bags (66.6% of the stocks reported)

8. 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 five tonnes and include the total number of lots graded with valid grading results, expired grading results and those classed 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
UK	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
UK	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

9. The table that follows shows CSCE certified stocks in the USA and in Europe by port, as at the end of December from 2001 to 2003:

US certified stocks by port at the end of December from 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