Statistics Committee  
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Progress report on the implementation  
of the Coffee Quality-Improvement  
Programme (CQP)  
Calendar years 2005 to 2014 and  
January-June 2005 to 2015

Background

1. Resolution 420 requests exporting Members to indicate in box 17 of all Certificates of  
   Origin, on a voluntary basis, information on the quality of the coffee exported in respect of  
defects and moisture content, in order to permit the monitoring of the level of compliance  
with the target standards set out in the Resolution.

2. Participation in the CQP has varied considerably since its inception in June 2004 when  
   Resolution 420 came into effect, as Members that have volunteered the information on  
   quality either joined the programme or temporarily ceased providing data during this period.  
   In addition, membership of the Organization has also changed since 2004 when the ICA 2007  
came into effect in February 2011. The previous progress report on the CQP is contained in  
document SC-49/15.

3. The Rules on Statistics – Certificates of Origin – contained in document ICC-102-9,  
request that exporting Members provide, **on a voluntary basis**, in box 17a of each Certificate  
of Origin issued, information on the quality of the coffee covered thereby. It is expected that  
exporting Members comply with this request in order to ensure greater market transparency.

Action

The Statistics Committee is requested **to take note** of this report.
PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
COFFEE QUALITY-IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (CQP)
CALENDAR YEARS 2005 TO 2014 AND JANUARY-JUNE 2005 TO 2015

1. Since Resolution 420 came into effect, 32 exporting countries have provided full or partial information on the quality of their coffee through Certificates of Origin. Under the current membership of the ICA 2007, 29 out of 40 exporting Members fully or partially implemented the Resolution in their countries and 23 out of 40 have generally provided information on quality regularly since June 2004.

2. For January-June 2015, the 40 exporting Members under the current membership can be grouped into six categories regarding the information on quality extracted from Certificates of Origin issued:

(a) Members generally providing data regularly: 12 Members
(b) Members providing partial data: 2 Members
(c) Members not providing data on quality: 1 Member
(d) Members that have ceased providing Certificates of Origin: 17 Members
(e) Members yet to issue Certificates of Origin: 7 Members
(f) Members that appear to have opted not to issue Certificates of Origin\(^1\): 1 Member

In addition, there are three exporting countries that send information on quality that are still to become Members of the ICA 2007: the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica.

3. The total volume of green coffee exported in the first six months of 2015 by the 16 exporting countries providing information on quality – based on Certificates of Origin – amounts to 31.4 million bags – equivalent to 59.7% of the total volume of 52.6 million bags exported by all producing countries. Graph 1 shows the volume of green coffee exported by all exporting countries and those participating in the CQP during calendar years 2005 to 2014. Graph 2 displays the same for the six months January-June 2005 to 2015.

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\(^1\) Paragraph 4 of Article 33 of ICA 2007 allows exporting Members to use an alternative method to convey data contained on Certificates of Origin to the Organization. No official request to this effect has been received from this Member.
Graph 1: Volume of green coffee exported by exporting countries (showing participation in the CQP) Calendar years 2005 to 2014

Graph 2: Volume of green coffee exported by exporting countries (showing participation in the CQP) January-June 2005 to 2015
4. Table 1 provides a summary of the volume of green coffee exported by all Members participating in the CQP in calendar years 2005 to 2014. Table 1A provides a summary for January-June 2005 to 2015. Information is shown by each of the categories specified in Resolution 420 as follows:

- Coffee in full compliance with defect and moisture standards – “S”
- Coffee not in conformity with the defect standards – “XD”
- Coffee not in conformity with the moisture standards – “XM”
- Coffee not in conformity with either defect and moisture standards – “XDM”
- Unspecified

Table 1
Volume of green coffee exported by the countries participating in the CQP in accordance with Resolution 420 – Calendar years 2005 to 2014
(60-kg bags)

<table>
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<th>Year</th>
<th>2005</th>
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<tr>
<td>„S“</td>
<td>50,948,280</td>
<td>55,624,488</td>
<td>56,506,762</td>
<td>58,265,328</td>
<td>54,340,049</td>
<td>59,797,269</td>
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<td>60,669,837</td>
<td>57,755,592</td>
<td>55,031,826</td>
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<td>„XM“</td>
<td>7,706</td>
<td>15,101</td>
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<td>1,786</td>
<td>9,901</td>
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<td>„XDM“</td>
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<td>10,661</td>
<td>30,516</td>
<td>4,958</td>
<td>1,984</td>
<td>690</td>
<td>6,676</td>
<td>4,054</td>
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<td>5,779,008</td>
<td>8,641,446</td>
<td>4,693,062</td>
<td>2,311,803</td>
<td>5,095,607</td>
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<td>13,509,386</td>
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<td>Total in CQP</td>
<td>60,034,432</td>
<td>60,314,938</td>
<td>62,004,850</td>
<td>64,224,759</td>
<td>63,161,299</td>
<td>64,661,486</td>
<td>65,505,571</td>
<td>66,217,069</td>
<td>68,812,034</td>
<td>68,697,169</td>
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<td>Total volume of green coffee exported</td>
<td>80,911,378</td>
<td>85,825,686</td>
<td>89,031,598</td>
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<td>104,934,299</td>
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<td>Total not in CQP</td>
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<td>32,851,086</td>
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<td>Total not in CQP (percent)</td>
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Based on the data received from January 2005 to June 2015, the volume of green coffee exported in full compliance with Resolution 420 ("S") stands at 61.5% of the total volume exported throughout the period. Shipments for which there is no available information on quality are equivalent to 38.3% with the balance of 0.3% covering exports of green coffee that does not comply with the defects and moisture standards set out by the Resolution.

Unless decided otherwise, the Organization will continue to monitor and provide occasional updates on the compliance by exporting Members with Resolution 420.