Statistics Committee  
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Nairobi, Kenya

Article 2 of the  
International Coffee Agreement 2007:  
Conversion factors for roasted,  
decaffeinated, liquid and soluble coffee

Background

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007, the Council shall, as soon as possible after the Agreement enters into force, and again at intervals of three years after such date, review the conversion factors for the types of coffee listed in sub-paragraphs (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the Article.

2. The Statistics Committee last discussed this matter in 2016 and, in consultation with the Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB), recommended to the Council that it should approve the revised conversion factors. At its 116th Session in March 2016, the Council approved the list of conversion factors contained in the attached Annex.

3. The Secretariat will be conducting a survey to review the conversion factors for roasted, decaffeinated, liquid and soluble coffee and the results will be presented to the Statistics Committee at its meeting in September 2019.

4. The Committee may wish to consult the PSCB on this technical matter once again in order to obtain the views of the coffee industry on this issue. The matter has been included on the agenda of the PSCB for its 48th meeting on 27 March 2019.

Action

The Statistics Committee is requested to take note of the forthcoming review of the conversion factors for roasted, decaffeinated, liquid and soluble coffee.
CONVERSION FACTORS FOR ROASTED, DECAFFEINATED, LIQUID AND SOLUBLE COFFEE
TO BE USED UNDER THE 2007 AGREEMENT

Roasted coffee
To convert roasted coffee into green bean equivalent, multiply the net weight of roasted coffee by 1.19.

Decaffeinated coffee
To convert green decaffeinated coffee into green bean equivalent, multiply the net weight of the green decaffeinated coffee by 1.05. To convert decaffeinated roasted and decaffeinated soluble coffee into green bean equivalent, multiply their net weight by 1.25 or 2.73, respectively.

Liquid coffee
To convert liquid coffee into green bean equivalent, multiply the net weight of the dried coffee solids contained in the liquid coffee by 2.6.

Soluble coffee
To convert soluble coffee into green bean equivalent, multiply the net weight of the soluble coffee by 2.6.