Executive Board
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London, England

Progress report on the implementation of the Coffee Quality-Improvement Programme (CQP)
Coffee year 2007/08

Background

1. ICO Members have continued their commitment to improving quality through the Coffee Quality-Improvement Programme (CQP), a programme adopted when Resolution 420 was approved by the Council in May 2004. One of the main objectives of the Programme is the promotion of quality as a means to enhance the sustainability of the coffee economy.

2. Resolution 420 requests exporting Members, on a voluntary basis, 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. This allows the monitoring of the level of compliance with the target standards based on the data received.

3. This document is based on the information extracted from Certificates of Origin issued in coffee year 2007/08 (October 2007 to September 2008), the Robusta gradings results posted in the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (LIFFE) website and the Arabicas gradings analysis posted in the Inter-Continental Exchange (ICE) for the Coffee Futures “C” Contract. It also contains information on progress in the implementation of the CQP in exporting Member countries in the same period based on data extracted from Certificates of Origin since Resolution 420 came into effect. The previous report on the CQP is contained in document EB-3953/08.

Action

The Executive Board is requested to take note of this report.
PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COFFEE QUALITY-IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (CQP)
COFFEE YEAR 2007/08

1. Since Resolution 420 came into effect in June 2004, 28 exporting Members have provided information on the quality of the coffee they export, through Certificates of Origin. In coffee year 2007/08, these 28 exporting Members accounted for just under 69% of world exports.

2. The total volume of green coffee exported by all exporting countries in coffee year 2007/08 amounted to 88.3 million bags. The volume of green coffee exported by the 28 countries participating in the CQP amounted to 60.76 million bags. However, at the time of preparation of this report only 25 Members have effectively provided information on the quality of their exports for coffee year 2007/08. It should also be noted that not all of these 25 Members have provided data for the full coffee year. On the basis of the information available, the volume of green coffee exported by these 25 Members amounted to 57.63 million bags, of which 52.24 million bags (90.7%) were Arabica and 5.39 million bags were Robusta (9.3%).

3. Annex Tables I and II show the volume of green coffee exported in 2007/08 by the 25 Members effectively participating in the CQP. These tables give the volume of green coffee classified in accordance with the parameters set out in Resolution 420 by origin and by type – Arabica and Robusta. Graphs 1 and 2 show, respectively, the total volume of green coffee exported and the corresponding percentage share of the CQP countries and all other countries in coffee year 2007/08.

4. The volume of coffee graded by LIFFE which was deemed to have failed to comply with the targets of Resolution 420 in coffee year 2007/08 amounted to nearly 2.4 million bags. This represents an increase of over 88% compared to coffee year 2006/07 when 1.27 million bags failed LIFFE gradings standards, and an increase of over 61% compared with 2005/06. In coffee year 2007/08, nearly 54% failed the grading analysis in Antwerp and over 26% in Trieste. According to LIFFE data, nearly 62% of this coffee was shipped from Vietnam and over 11% from Indonesia (see Annex Table III for the volume of the coffee that failed LIFFE gradings in coffee year 2007/08 by origin and by port). Graph 3 gives the volume of LIFFE gradings deemed to fall below the CQP target standards from coffee year 2005/06 to 2007/08.

5. The opening of the first coffee exchange in Vietnam in December 2008 is expected to make it easier for buyers to find green beans of better quality Robusta. Assistance will also be provided to farmers on training for better quality processing methods. These new arrangements are fully backed by the Vietnamese Government, in close cooperation with coffee growers. The coffee exchange will have the capacity to deal with volumes of up to 1.7 million bags by 2010.
6. Regular reports on the Coffee “C” contract grading analysis are posted on the ICE website, showing the monthly summary and year to date results on the pass/fail results by origin. Based on these reports, in coffee year 2007/08, over 84% of the coffee graded by ICE passed the original gradings analysis. The original analysis on grade, cup and colour quality achieved “pass” levels of approximately 94%, 79% and 97%, respectively – see Annex Table IV).

7. The Organization will continue to monitor LIFFE and ICE gradings as well as compliance with Resolution 420 by exporting Members.
## Classification of the green coffee by origin
**Coffee year 2007/08**
**60-kg bags**

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Share in total 98.90% 0.26% 0.03% 0.03% 0.78%

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Where, in accordance with the parameters set out in Resolution 420:

- **"S"** indicates that the coffee is in full compliance with the target defect and moisture standards
- **"XD"** indicates that the coffee does not conform to the target defect standard
- **"XM"** indicates that the coffee does not conform to the target moisture standard
- **"XDM"** indicates that the coffee does not conform with either standard (target defect or moisture).
## Classification of the green coffee by origin

**Coffee year 2007/08**

### 60-kg bags

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## ANNEX TABLE III

**LIFFE Gradings Results**  
*by origin and by port of discharge*  
*for Robusta coffee deemed to be below CQP standards*  
*Coffee year 2007/08*  
*60-kg bags*

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### ICE Futures: Coffee "C" gradings summary analysis
**Coffee year 2007/08**

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**ORIGINAL GRADING:** These statistics for original gradings are based on individual grading of cup, colour, grade and other imperfections such as odour and/or bean size graded between 01/10/07 and 30/09/08.

**APPEAL GRADING:** The owner of the coffee submitted as an original grading may appeal for any decision of the graders, for cup, colour, grade and any other imperfections such as odour and/or bean size and represents appeal gradings between 01/10/07 and 30/09/08 regardless of the date of original grading.

Note from ICO: Date format converted to dd/mm/yy.
Graph 1: Volume of green coffee exported  
Coffee years 2005/06 to 2007/08

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Graph 2: Share of green coffee exported  
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Graph 3: LIFFE Gradings Results
Volume of coffee deemed to be below CQP standards
Coffee years 2005/06 to 2007/08

- 2005/06: 1.49 million bags
- 2006/07: 1.27 million bags
- 2007/08: 2.40 million bags