Request for information on food grade jute bags

Information to be sent by 30 November 2012

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and attaches a copy of a letter from the International Jute Study Group (IJSG) requesting information and data on issues related to food grade jute bags.

2. It would be appreciated if Members could send this information to the Executive Director no later than 30 November 2012 so that a reply can be sent to the IJSG.
September 19, 2012

Mr. Roberto Oliveira Silva
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International Coffee Organization
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Subject: Latest Information on Food Grade Jute Bags (FGJB).

Dear Sir,

We take the opportunity to introduce you that the International Jute Study Group (IJSG) established under the aegis of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) with effect from 27 April 2002 is an Intergovernmental Organization with Headquarters in Dhaka, Bangladesh and is the only International Commodity Body (ICB) for jute, kenaf and allied fibers. It is the legal successor to the erstwhile International Jute Organization (IJO).

It is pleasure to inform you that the IJSG is preparing a strategic action plan on Food Grade Jute Bags to perceive the current global status of the FGJB and its sustainable promotion in world markets. The strategy paper intends to provide the potential directions with effectual targets to achieve the sustainability in the FGJB sector and also for the global market promotion of FGJB. In view of the above, the IJSG is looking for the latest information/data/statistics on the following issues.

- Current status of the packaging in sustainable coffee.
- Does the packaging of sustainable coffee include the FGJB?
- Annual global requirement/demand of FGJBs in sustainable coffee.
- Annual global requirement/demand of other packaging materials besides FGJBs in sustainable coffee.
- List of producing, consuming, exporting and importing countries of FGJB.
- Country wise domestic consumption (volume & value) of FGJB.
- Export and import (volume & value) of FGJB.
- The issues of tariff and non-tariff barrier in FGJB sector.

The IJSG Secretariat will appreciate if you kindly provide the latest information/data/statistics at the soonest. We also warmly welcome any suggestion from you which can be worked out in the collaboration between us.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
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