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Statistics Committee
Terms of reference

Background

This document contains the terms of reference for the Statistics Committee under the International Coffee Agreement 2007. The terms of reference were approved by the Council at its 102nd Session from 18 to 20 March 2009.
STATISTICS COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Statistics Committee (hereinafter called the Committee) shall examine, evaluate and make recommendations to the Council on statistical matters, including:

   (i) Certificates of Origin;
   (ii) statistical information on world production, prices, exports, imports and re-exports, and distribution and consumption of coffee, including information on different market categories, coffee-based products, geographical areas, market structures, niche markets, customs duties, taxes, tariffs and non-tariff barriers;
   (iii) indicator prices;
   (iv) stocks and inventories;
   (v) compliance by Members in providing statistical information;
   (vi) technical assistance;
   (vii) evaluation of technical definitions;
   (viii) publications;
   (ix) electronic dissemination; and
   (x) liaison with other organizations, with a view to improving the statistical coverage of the ICO.

2. For each coffee year, the Council shall designate eight representatives of exporting Members and three representatives of importing Members to serve on the Committee. The quorum required for a meeting of the Committee shall be two representatives of exporting Members and two representatives of importing Members.

3. The Committee shall select a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from among the designated Members. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee shall be from different categories of Member. As a general rule, these offices shall alternate each coffee year between the two categories of Member. At each Session of the Council, the Chairman of the Committee shall report to the Council on the work of the Committee.