Documentation for Commodity Studies

Note by the Secretariat

Revised commodity schedules in summary form have been prepared by the secretariat for the information of the Committee and circulated as a series under the symbol COM.III/7/Add/Rev. On the basis of data supplied by governments, the secretariat has now prepared tables showing for

(i) tobacco
(ii) copper
(iii) tea
(iv) oilseeds and vegetable oils
(v) lead
(vi) raw cotton
(vii) coffee
(viii) cocoa
(ix) jute manufactures
(x) cotton manufactures

the production, exports, imports, the net trade balance and the consumption, all expressed in units of quantity for the average 1954-58.

Except for cotton manufactures, jute manufactures and cocoa, the tables also show the ratio of exports to production, of imports to consumption, and net trade as a proportion of production for net exporting countries and of consumption for net importing countries. In the case of cotton and jute manufactures, it was not possible from the data available to compute these ratios, mainly because of incomplete information on production. In the case of cocoa, stock variations are so wide as to make the ratio of little significance, even over a four-year average.

1 No similar table has been prepared for timber, for which the data supplied by governments lacked comparability.
In many cases the data furnished by governments has been supplemented from other sources, as shown at the bottom of each table.

The tables are being circulated as annexes to the revised commodity schedules in summary form to which reference is made in paragraph 1 of this note. The tables will accordingly bear the following symbols:

- Tobacco
- Coffee
- Tea
- Cotton
- Cocoa
- Copper
- Jute Manufactures
- Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils
- Lead
- Cotton Manufactures

The symbols used in the tables are as follows:

- nil or negligible
- not available
* estimate
( ) parentheses placed around a figure in the ratio column denote that the denominator and numerator from which the figure was derived do not refer to identical periods.