STATE-TRADING ENTERPRISES

Notifications Received Pursuant to Article XVII 4(a) in Reply to the New Questionnaire Contained in Document I/1014 of 3 July 1959

CEYLON

I. Enumeration of State-Trading Enterprises

(1) The Food Supplies Ordinance No. 30 of 1947 makes provision for maintaining controlling and regulating the supply of scheduled articles of food so as to secure their sufficiency, their equitable distribution and their availability at fair prices, and for this purpose it provides for the importation of certain essential articles of food solely by or on behalf of the government.

The scheduled articles at present are:

- Paddy
- Rice and rice products
- Wheat
- Wheat flour
- Sugar
- Sugar candy
- Jaggery
- Red onions
- Maldive fish
- Dhal (lentils)

1 The following publications received from governments have been reproduced in addenda to document I/1014:

- Denmark
- Federation of Rhodesia & Nyasaland
- India
- New Zealand
- Sweden
- Union of South Africa

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2 The relevant legal provision contained in Section 4(1) of the Ordinance reads: "During the continuance in force of this Ordinance, no person, other than a person acting for or on behalf of the Crown, shall import into Ceylon any quantity of any scheduled article."
(2) The Commissioner, Commodity Purchase has alone been licensed by the Controller of Imports and Exports to export rubber, which is a regulated commodity under the Defence (Control of Exports) Regulations, to China.¹

(3) The Commissioner of Commodity Purchase has alone been licensed by the Tea Controller to ship tea to Egypt. The provision of law empowering the Tea Controller to license exports is contained in Part V Section 25 of the Tea Control Act, No. 51 of 1957.²

¹ This regulation reads as follows:

THE DEFENCE (CONTROL OF EXPORTS) REGULATIONS

Section 3. 1. Every commodity of any description whatsoever, other than -

(a) a commodity the exportation of which is prohibited by any other law, or

(b) a commodity declared by Order of the Minister published in the Gazette to be a commodity to which these Regulations shall not apply, is hereby declared to be a regulated commodity for the purposes of these Regulations.

2. Subject to any exemption which may be granted by Order of the Minister published in the Gazette, no regulated commodity shall be exported or re-exported from Ceylon, except under the authority of a licence issued by the Controller.

² This regulation reads as follows:

25. Except under the authority of a general or special licence (hereafter in this Part referred to as an "export licence") issued by the Controller, and except in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed, no person shall export made tea from Ceylon; and no made tea shall be received or accepted for exportation or shipment by any Customs or other officer unless the exportation thereof is authorized by such licence:

Provided, however, that no licence shall be required to authorize -

(a) the re-export from Ceylon of any made tea which is proved to the satisfaction of the Principal Collector of Customs to have been imported into Ceylon, or

(b) the export from Ceylon of any quantity of made tea -

(i) shipped as stores on board any vessel or aircraft, or

(ii) despatched by parcel post, or

(iii) taken as part of the personal baggage of a passenger on any vessel or aircraft, or

(iv) sent as commercial samples.

These arrangements have been made to facilitate the working of the trade agreements that Ceylon has entered into with these two countries.
II. Statistical Information

The statistical information concerning the State trading in question is attached in the following annexes:

- Food Imports
  - Annex I
- Rubber Exports to China
  - Annex II
- Tea Exports to Egypt
  - Annex III
## ANNEX I

### Ceylon

### STATISTICS OF FOOD IMPORTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>1956 Volume (Cwts.)</th>
<th>1956 Value (Rs.) (in thousands)</th>
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<td>Rice</td>
<td>9,673</td>
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<td>Wheat flour</td>
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<td>Sugar candy</td>
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<td>Palm sugar (Jaggery)</td>
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<td>Red onions</td>
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### ANNEX II

Ceylon

**STATISTICS OF RUBBER EXPORTS**

(Exports of Rubber to China by the Commissioner)

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<td>Latex crepe</td>
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### ANNEX III

**Ceylon**

**STATISTICS OF TEA EXPORTS**

(Exports of Tea to Egypt by the Commissioner)

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