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NOTIFICATIONS OF CHANGES IN STATE-TRADING MEASURES

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In accordance with an announcement made on 1 September 1964, certain changes have been made in the United Kingdom's arrangements for the jute industry which necessitate an amendment to the United Kingdom notification on State-trading enterprises.

The following paragraphs should be substituted for those appearing under Section III B on page 3 of L/1949/Add.4 as amended by Corr.1:

The Jute Control deals only with imports. It is empowered to trade in jute goods from any source but confines its trade to imports from India and Pakistan. It is the sole importer from these countries of jute yarn, and certain cloth and bags; in 1963 heavy bags, common sacking and wool packs were returned to private trade and are freely licensed, hessian cloths up to 45 inches in width weighing not less than $6\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not more than $9\frac{1}{4}$ oz. per square yard will be returned to private trade in the same manner before the end of 1964. Yarn is sold at cost plus overheads. Other imports by the Jute Control are sold at enhanced prices; some are sold at a mark-up consisting of a fixed element of 35 per cent plus a variable element which is 10 per cent at the base date; the variable part of which will be reduced by one quarter in 1965 and one half in 1966; others are sold at a fixed mark-up of 45 per cent. The Jute Control imports such quantities as are required to meet the demand upon it.

Private imports of all jute goods from the Irish Republic are freely licensed either individually or under Open General Licence; imports from the Eastern Area are dealt with within the framework of the bilateral trade arrangements which apply to the countries within that area; there is no provision for imports under any of the current arrangements. Heavy bags, common sacking and wool packs are freely licensed from all other sources (i.e. other than the Irish Republic and the Eastern Area); common hessian up to 45 inches in width weighing not less than $6\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not more than $9\frac{1}{4}$ oz. per square yard is being added to this group. Other cloth and bags are subject to a quota covering imports from all countries except India, Pakistan, the Irish Republic and the Eastern Area. No other conditions are imposed on private importers. Home produced goods and privately imported goods compete freely with those imported by Jute Control.

No long-term contracts are negotiated and State-trading methods are not used to fulfil contractual obligations entered into by the Government.

¹For previous United Kingdom notification of State-trading measures, see document L/1949/Add.4.