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TRADE PROCEDURES GUIDE

It will be recalled that the "Trade Procedures Guide" prepared by the secretariat was discussed at the ninth session of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) (Port-of-Spain, 29 May to 4 June 1985) and that delegations, recognizing the need for the Guide to be updated every six months in order to reflect accurately changes in the import and export regulations of Member States, had expressed their governments' willingness to provide the requisite information.

It will further be recalled that the importance of governments' inputs to the updating of the Guide to ensure its relevance to Caribbean, Latin American and other countries which might wish to trade with the Caribbean subregion was emphasized at the Committee's eleventh session (St Croix, 18-22 November 1988).

Member States have not all submitted the inputs necessary to ensure the Guide's continued accuracy and relevance. In addition, the present method used for updating, presenting and distributing it is not the optimum one, given the need to revise information frequently and in a timely manner and to disseminate the Guide widely.

In the circumstances, the secretariat proposes to place the Guide on computer diskettes and transmit one diskette of the complete Guide to each member government with the request that it:

- (a) update the information which pertains to it and transmit the updated information to the secretariat within two months;
- (b) thereafter, immediately transmit any further changes in regulations to the secretariat; and
- (c) ensure that the information contained in the Guide is widely disseminated to interested private and public sector parties.

The secretariat also proposes to make the database on its host computer available for remote access by potential users.

The secretariat seeks the approval and support of the Committee for this course of action.