

4. The total facilities of the Buffer Stock, including the normal Buffer Stock and the contingency Buffer Stock, shall be fully utilized to ensure that the market indicator price does not fall below the lower indicative price or rise above the upper indicative price.

5. Sales and purchases by the Buffer Stock Manager shall be effected through established commercial markets at prevailing prices, and all his transactions shall be in physical rubber for delivery not later than three calendar months forward.

6. To facilitate the operation of the Buffer Stock, the Council shall establish branch offices and such facilities of the Buffer Stock Manager's office, where necessary, in established rubber markets and approved warehouse locations.

7. The Buffer Stock Manager shall prepare a monthly report on buffer stock transactions and the Buffer Stock Account's financial position. Sixty days after the end of each month, the report for that month shall be made available to members.

8. The information on buffer stock transactions shall include quantities, prices, types, grades and markets of all buffer stock operations, including rotations effected. The information on the Buffer Stock Account's financial position shall also include interest rates on and terms and conditions of deposits and loans, the currencies operated in and other relevant information on the items referred to in paragraph 2 or article 22.

ARTICLE 32

Review and revision of the price range

A. Reference price

1. Review and revision of the reference price shall be based on market trends and/or net changes in the Buffer Stock, subject to the provisions of this section of this article. The reference price shall be reviewed by the Council every 18 months after the entry into force of this Agreement.

- (a) If the average of the daily market indicator prices over the six-month period prior to a review is at the upper intervention price, at the lower intervention price or between these two prices, no revision of the reference price shall take place.
- (b) If the average of the daily market indicator prices over the six-month period prior to a review is below the lower intervention price, the reference price shall be automatically revised downwards by 5 per cent of its level at the time of the review, unless the Council, by special vote, decides on a different percentage adjustment downwards of the reference price.