

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## STATE TRADING

Updating Notification Pursuant to Article XVII:4(a) of the GATT 1994 and  
Paragraph 1 of the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII

## NORWAY

The following communication, dated 30 August 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Norway.

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During 1996 Norway has replied to several questions concerning state trading enterprises; G/STR/W/5 (Statoil, Norsk Hydro A/S, A/S Sydvaranger and Store Norske Spitsbergen), G/STR/W/27 (Statens Kornforretning) and G/STR/Q1/NOR/1 (Norwegian Medicinal Depot and A/S Vinmonopolet).

In the case of all these enterprises (except A/S Vinmonopolet) Norway concluded that they either did not receive "exclusive or special rights or privileges", or they did not "influence through their purchases or sales the level or direction of imports or exports".

As regards the retail monopoly for alcoholic beverages and the production monopoly for spirits, Norway has made it clear that statistical information cannot be provided until after one year of operation, i.e. in 1997. As soon as the statistical data are available, the WTO will be informed.