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COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

STATISTICS ON IMPORTS OF SOVIET BLOC OIL

Note by the Economics Directorate

At their meeting on 25th April, the Committee agreed in principle on a procedure for reporting on imports of Soviet bloc oil and invited the Secretariat to circulate an amended version of the pro forma given as Annex II to AC/127-WP/112, taking into account the technical suggestions put forward by delegations(1). The pro forma, revised in accordance with this decision, is attached.

2. The Committee's oil statistics have up till now comprised three tables. For 1960 and 1961, document AC/127-D/120 gives separate figures for imports of crude and partly refined petroleum (XB, page 13), for imports of petroleum products (XC, page 14), as well as a dependence table (XD, page 15) where the two kinds of imports given in the preceding tables were combined. In order to do so, crude and partly refined oil were converted to "product equivalent" by deducting 7%. Since the object of the exercise is to follow the overall dependence of NATO countries on imports of Soviet bloc oil, it seems sufficient to issue future statistics in a single table combining crude and products in the same way as hitherto. The reduction of the crude component will be made by the Secretariat, so that country reports should give the full figure for imports of crude and partly-refined oil.

3. An item "imports to be refined for third parties" has been included, as some countries consider that imports of this kind from the Soviet bloc should be deducted when their dependence upon Soviet oil is estimated. This point of view has been accepted by the Committee on the understanding that re-exports of such oil, in so far as they find their way to other NATO countries, should be included in the import figures of the consumer country. When a country reports re-exports of Soviet bloc oil to another NATO country, the amount will be added to imports reported by the latter country. Before this is done, the Secretariat will inform the country in question of the amount

(1) AC/127-R/110, Item V.

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which will be added, in order to ensure that these imports have not been included in the figures already reported. Provided all imports from the Soviet bloc are given under item II B (ii), countries which do not import Soviet bloc oil to be refined for third parties, or which consider such imports negligible only need to transmit figures under the items in the pro forma from I down to II B (ii) inclusive.

4. It is suggested that the first reports from countries giving separate figures for imports from the Soviet bloc in the first and second half of 1962 should be transmitted to the Secretariat not later than 15th June, 1962. Subsequently, imports in the first six months of each year should be reported not later than 1st October and imports in the last six months of each year not later than the following 1st April.

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REPORT BY EACH NATO COUNTRY ON ITS IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM
FROM THE SOVIET BLOC (1)

(thousand metric tons)

	1st half of 1962	2nd half of 1962	1962
I. <u>TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE REPORTING COUNTRY(2)...</u>			
II. <u>IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM(3)</u>			
A. <u>Refined Products(4)</u>			
(1) total imports			
(ii) of which imports from the Soviet bloc			
B. <u>Crude and Partly Refined for further refining</u>			
(1) total imports(5)			
(ii) of which imports from the Soviet bloc(5).. .. .			
(iii) imports to be refined for third parties			
(iv) of which imports from the Soviet bloc			

- (1) Including the USSR, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, the Soviet Occupied Zone of Germany and the Soviet Occupied Sector of Berlin.
- (2) Inland consumption and international bunkers, excluding refineries own consumption.
- (3) Including imports for international bunkers.
- (4) Refined products should at least include:
 - Motor spirit (gasolene and other light oils for similar uses)
 - Lamp oil and white spirit (kerosene, illuminating oil, jet fuel)
 - Distillate fuels
 - Residual fuel oils
 - Lubricating oils and greases
- (5) Including quantities imported to be refined for third parties (travail à façon)

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(thousand metric tons)

	1st half of 1962	2nd half of 1962	1962
<u>III. RE-EXPORTS OF SOVIET BLOC</u> <u>PETROLEUM IMPORTED TO BE</u> <u>REFINED FOR THIRD PARTIES</u> <u>(AND REPORTED UNDER II B.(1v))</u>			
(i) to non-NATO countries			
(ii) to the following NATO countries:			
(a)			
(b)			
(c)			
etc.			

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