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United States Department of Labor

List of goods produced by child or forced labor

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members that the Department of Labor of the United States has released a List of goods that may be produced with child or forced labor. The List includes coffee from 12 ICO Member countries. A copy of the report is available online at the following link: http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/ocft/PDF/2009TVPRA.pdf.

2. The United States Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) notes that the primary purposes of the List are to raise public awareness about the existence of child labor and forced labor in the production of goods in the countries listed and to promote efforts to eliminate such practices. The List is not intended to be punitive in nature. The ILAB also indicates that as new, relevant information is obtained through research, it will update the List, adding or removing entries as appropriate. It will also consider updates to the List based on public information submissions. Mechanisms for changes to the List are described in detail in the procedural guidelines (Annex B of the report).

3. ICO exporting Members are therefore invited to provide updated information to the US Department of Labor directly in accordance with the procedural guidelines in Annex B of the report, and to send a copy of their communications for information to the Executive Director.