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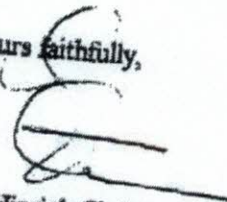
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from: Jörn - Hinrich Christen

Dear Sir,

as a member of the board of the Deutscher Kaffee-Verband e.V. (German Coffee Association) I suggested during our last board meeting to aim at putting the *list of defaulting firms* on the Internet, accessible to the international coffee trade only. The idea behind it is that there are several companies listed as defaulter, but still or again actively involved in the trade. Personally I am thinking of e.g. LMJ International Ltd. who are very active as exporters, but obviously avoiding certain places in Europe. I have been myself on the arbitration board on that case. I believe that our trade worldwide should know the names, and all the names. In that way there should be more pressure on the responsibility and reliability of the business partners. - Of course details would have to be discussed at length and in detail, but the general idea had a favourable response here. - There has been one strong objection, and that by the representative of J.J.Darboven in Hamburg because their Polish affiliates are listed as well. (Also on that arbitration I have been one of the arbitrators.) During this discussion the question turned up: Which are the rules for erasing a name from that *list*. Obviously the unquestionable one is the defaulter paying up. Is there any other way provided? This question is more of a general character, not directly related to the name Darboven. Our secretary general did not know of any off-hand. A brief reply or an indication as to where to find possibly the answer to that question would be appreciated. You could of course direct it to the D.K.V.e.V. here as well.

Yours faithfully,



(Jörn - Hinrich Christen)