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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

THE TABLE BELOW SHOWS THE AVERAGE RATES OF EXCHANGE IN 2000 TOGETHER WITH COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR OTHER YEARS. AVERAGES ARE BASED ON DAILY NOON BUYING RATES FOR CABLE TRANSFERS IN NEW YORK CITY CERTIFIED FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

(Currency units per U.S. dollar except as noted)

COUNTRY	MONETARY UNIT	2000	1999	1998	1997
*AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	0.5815	0.6454	0.6291	0.7437
BRAZIL	REAL	1.8301	1.8207	1.1605	1.0779
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.4855	1.4858	1.4836	1.3849
CHINA, P. R.	YUAN	8.2784	8.2783	8.3008	8.3193
DENMARK	KRONE	8.0953	6.9900	6.7030	6.6092
*EMU MEMBERS	EURO	0.9232	1.0653	N.A.	N.A.
GREECE	DRACHMA	365.92	306.30	295.70	273.28
HONG KONG	DOLLAR	7.7924	7.7594	7.7467	7.7431
INDIA	RUPEE	45.00	43.13	41.36	36.36
JAPAN	YEN	107.80	113.73	130.99	121.06
MALAYSIA	RINGGIT	3.8000	3.8000	3.9254	2.8173
MEXICO	PESO	9.459	9.553	9.152	7.918
*NEW ZEALAND	DOLLAR	0.4568	0.5294	0.5361	0.6625
NORWAY	KRONE	8.8131	7.8071	7.5521	7.0857
SINGAPORE	DOLLAR	1.7250	1.6951	1.6722	1.4857
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	6.9468	6.1191	5.5417	4.6072
SOUTH KOREA	WON	1130.90	1189.84	1400.40	947.65
SRI LANKA	RUPEE	76.964	70.868	65.005	59.026
SWEDEN	KRONA	9.1735	8.2740	7.9522	7.6446
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1.6904	1.5045	1.4506	1.4514
TAIWAN	DOLLAR	31.260	32.322	33.547	28.775
THAILAND	BAHT	40.210	37.887	41.262	31.072
*UNITED KINGDOM	POUND	1.5156	1.6172	1.6573	1.6376
VENEZUELA	BOLIVAR	680.52	606.82	548.39	488.87
MEMO:					
UNITED STATES	DOLLAR				
1) BROAD	JAN97=100	120.30	116.87	116.48	104.44
2) MAJOR CURRENCY	MAR73=100	98.40	94.96	95.79	91.24
3) OITP	JAN97=100	130.97	129.94	126.03	104.67

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For more information on exchange rate indexes for the U.S. dollar, see "New Summary Measures of the Foreign Exchange Value of the Dollar," Federal Reserve Bulletin, vol. 84 (October 1998), pp. 811-18 (<http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/bulletin/>) and "Index of the Weighted-Average Exchange Value of the U.S. Dollar: Revision," Federal Reserve Bulletin, vol. 64 (August 1978), p. 700. Weights for broad index can be found at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/H10/Weights>; weights for the major currencies index and the other important trading partners (OITP) index are derived from the broad index weights.

* U.S. dollars per currency unit.

1) A weighted average of the foreign exchange value of the U.S. dollar against the currencies of a broad group of major U.S. trading partners.

2) A weighted average of the foreign exchange value of the U.S. dollar against a subset of the broad index currencies that circulate widely outside the country of issue.

3) A weighted average of the foreign exchange value of the U.S. dollar against a subset of the broad index currencies that do not circulate widely outside the country of issue.

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1 EUR	=	13.7603	AUSTRIAN SCHILLINGS
	=	40.3399	BELGIAN FRANCS
	=	5.94573	FINNISH MARKKAS
	=	6.55957	FRENCH FRANCS
	=	1.95583	GERMAN MARKS
	=	.787564	IRISH POUNDS
	=	1936.27	ITALIAN LIRE
	=	40.3399	LUXEMBOURG FRANCS
	=	2.20371	NETHERLANDS GUILDERS
	=	200.482	PORTUGUESE ESCUDOS
	=	166.386	SPANISH PESETAS