

## NOTIFICATION FORMATS

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### WHAT TO NOTIFY ?

- ▶ **The prefix “DS” is used to distinguish the notification formats or “tables” that apply in the area of domestic support.**

In the area of domestic support, there are two distinct notification requirements, i.e.

- **Table DS:1:** relating to calculation and reporting of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS), and
- **Table DS:2:** relating to the notification of new or modified domestic support measures for which exemption from reduction is claimed



## RELEVANT REFERENCES

### General

- Datasets on notified information, available at [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/agric\\_e/transparency\\_toolkit\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/transparency_toolkit_e.htm)
- List of notifications issued since 1995, available at: [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/agric\\_e/ag\\_list\\_notif\\_e.xls](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/ag_list_notif_e.xls).
- Agricultural web page, available at: [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/agric\\_e/ag\\_work\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/ag_work_e.htm)
- Results of the Survey on the Improvement of Timeliness and Completeness of Notifications under Existing Procedures (G/AG/GEN/85)
- Annex 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Product Coverage)

### Domestic support

- Members' WTO Schedule (Section I of Part IV)
- Article 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Definition of Terms)
- Article 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Incorporation of Concessions and Commitments)
- Article 6 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Domestic Support Commitments)
- Article 7 of the Agreement on Agriculture (General Disciplines on Domestic Support)
- Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Domestic Support: The Basis for Exemption from the Reduction Commitment)
- Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Calculation of Aggregate Measurement of Support)
- Annex 4 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Calculation of Equivalent Measurement of Support)

## Table DS:1 Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

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#### WHO?

All Members



#### WHEN?

- **For Members with Total AMS commitment** in Part IV of their Schedule:
  - No later than 90 days following the end of the calendar (or, marketing, fiscal, etc.) year in question.<sup>1</sup>
- **For Members with no Total AMS commitment** in Part IV of their Schedule:
  - Annually.
- **Least-developed country Members:**
  - Once every two years.

#### WHAT TO NOTIFY?

- Information on all domestic support measures being applied by a Member in a reporting year along with their monetary values.
- Where no domestic support measure is applied by a Member in a reporting year, a Nil statement should be made (**see for example cases 1 and 2 below on pages 54, 55**).

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<sup>1</sup> Where the notification submitted within the 90 day period is provisional, the final notification should be submitted no later than 120 days following the end of the year.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

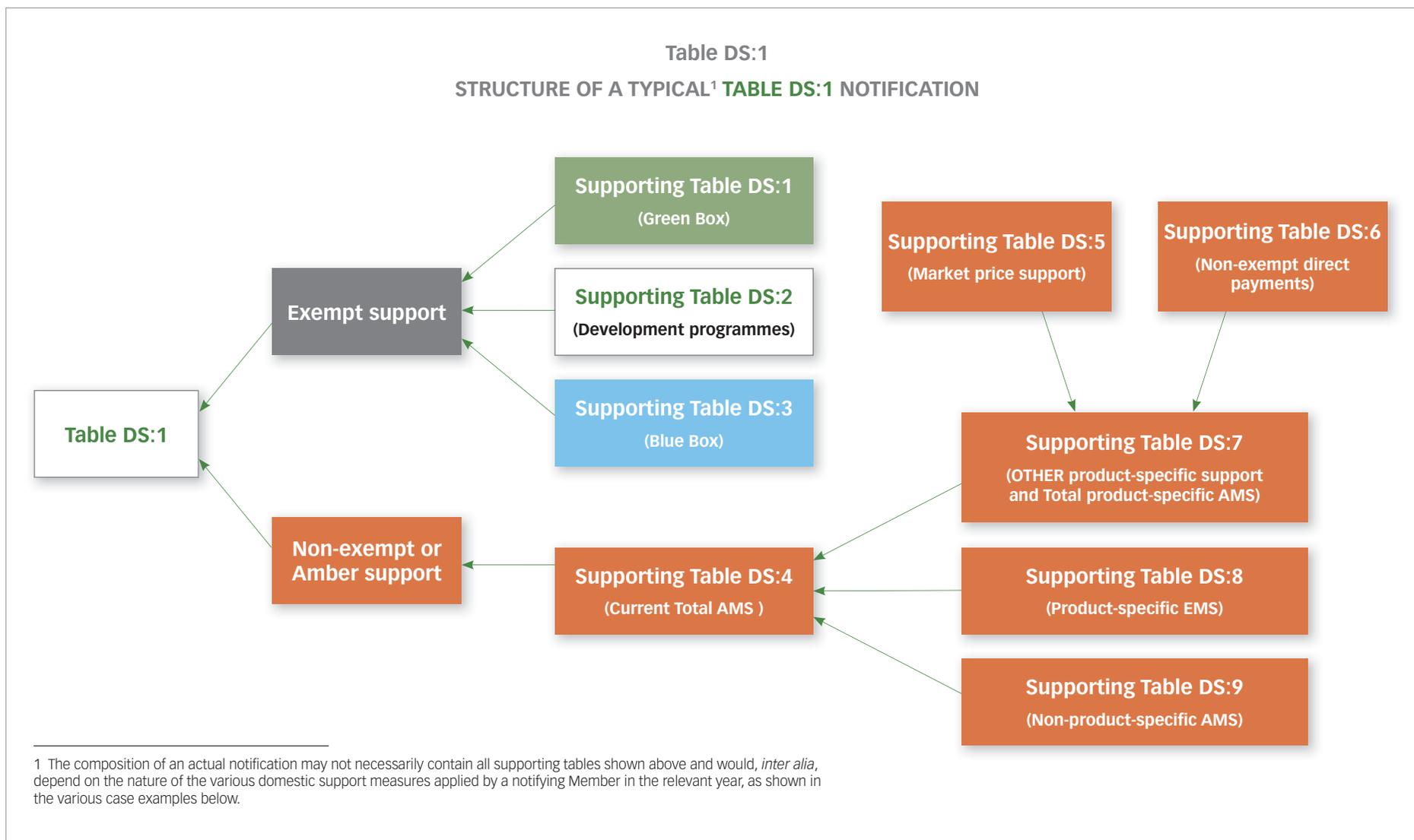


Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

What to notify		Which Table/Supporting Table <sup>1</sup> (ST DS)	Comments
Overall <b>non-exempt</b> support amount (i.e. Current Total AMS)		<b>Table DS:1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall non-exempt support amount (i.e. Current Total AMS) alongside the scheduled Total AMS commitment level for the year in question is reported in Table DS:1.</li> <li>As shown in later case examples, it may also be used to notify               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that no domestic support measure was applied (Nil statement), or</li> <li>a statement that all non-exempt support was covered under the <i>de minimis</i> exemption.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
These <b>three</b> supporting tables cover " <b>exempt</b> " categories of support.	<b>Green Box</b> measures (Annex 2)	<b>ST DS:1</b>	All Green Box measures, if existing, in the relevant year would need to be included in <b>ST DS:1</b> along with the <u>monetary value</u>
	<b>Development Programmes</b> (Article 6.2) (applicable only to developing country Members)	<b>ST DS:2</b>	All measures, if existing, in the relevant year covered under Article 6.2 are reported here along with the <u>monetary value</u>
	<b>Blue Box</b> measures (Article 6.5)	<b>ST DS:3</b>	All Blue Box measures, if existing, in the relevant year are reported here along with the <u>monetary value</u>
These <b>six</b> supporting tables cover " <b>Non-exempt</b> " or <b>Amber Box</b> support.	Calculation of <b>Current Total AMS</b>	<b>ST DS:4</b>	Product-specific AMS ( <b>ST DS:7</b> ) or EMS ( <b>ST DS:8</b> ) for <u>all</u> products receiving such support and total non-product-specific AMS ( <b>ST DS:9</b> ) are summed up here. Support amounts (whether product-specific or non-product-specific) that are claimed to be within the relevant <i>de minimis</i> levels are left out of summation. Total support is called "Current Total AMS" and is carried over to column 3 of Table DS:1.
	<b>Market price support</b>	<b>ST DS:5</b>	Support measures for all products receiving market price support are reported here along with necessary calculations. This table is not needed if no market price support exists in a relevant year.
	Non-exempt <b>direct payments</b>	<b>ST DS:6</b>	Support measures for all products receiving non-exempt direct payments (whether price-contingent or otherwise) are reported here along with necessary calculations. This table is not needed if no such support exists in the relevant year.
	Other product-specific support, and <b>Total Product-specific AMS</b>	<b>ST DS:7</b>	All other product-specific support measures, i.e. not covered under either market price support ( <b>ST DS:5</b> ) or non-exempt direct payments ( <b>ST DS:6</b> ) are included in <b>ST DS:7</b> . Since market price support and non-exempt direct payments measures (as taken from <b>ST DS:5</b> and <b>ST DS:6</b> respectively) are also included in <b>ST DS:7</b> , this table consolidates <u>Total</u> product-specific AMS for <u>all products</u> receiving non-exempt support.
	Product-specific <b>EMS</b>	<b>ST DS:8</b>	Equivalent measurement of support (EMS) for all products are reported here along with necessary calculations. This table is not needed if no such support exists in the relevant year.
	<b>Non-product-specific AMS</b>	<b>ST DS:9</b>	All <u>individual</u> non-product-specific measures are reported here. Individual amounts are then summed up and the total non-product-specific AMS figure is brought forward to <b>ST DS:4</b> .

<sup>1</sup> Information on the various support measures is to be organized in relevant Supporting Tables according to "Measure type(s)" as per the agreed notification formats in G/AG/2.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

## HOW TO NOTIFY?

► Broadly, there are four possible situations:

- (i) No domestic support measure is applied in the relevant year;
- (ii) Only exempt support measures are applied in the relevant year;
- (iii) Only non-exempt measures are applied in the relevant year;
- (iv) Both exempt as well as non-exempt measures are applied in the relevant year.

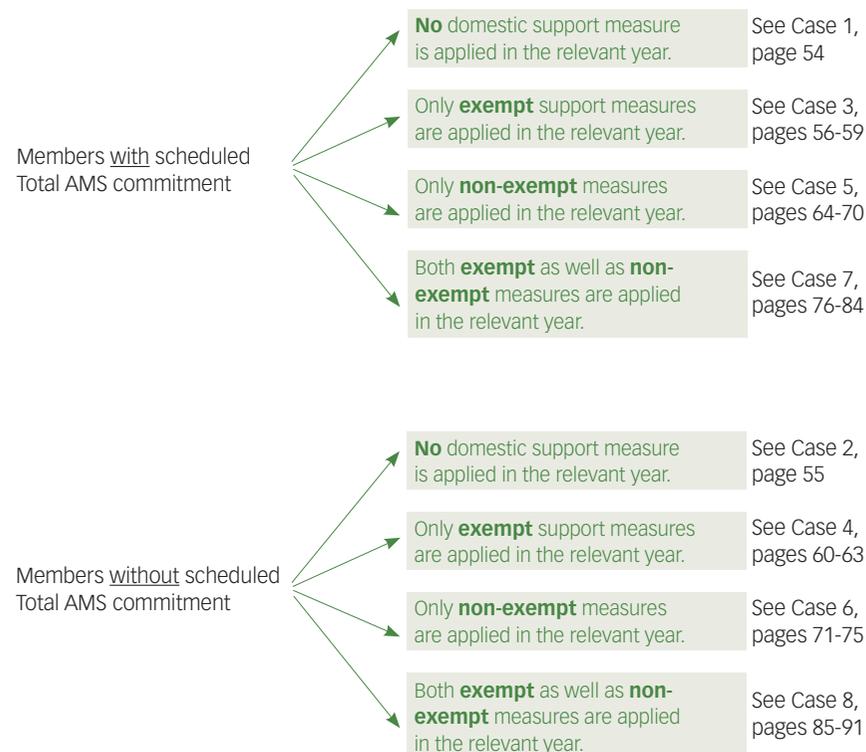
**These four situations may then apply to the following two categories of Members:**

(a) Members with Total AMS commitment<sup>1</sup> in Part IV of the Schedule, as follows:

Argentina	Iceland	Papua New Guinea
Australia	Israel	Saudi Arabia
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Japan	South Africa
Brazil	Jordan	Switzerland-Liechtenstein
Canada	Korea	Chinese Taipei
Colombia	Mexico	Thailand
Costa Rica	Moldova	Tunisia
Croatia	Morocco	Ukraine
European Union	New Zealand	United States
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Norway	Viet Nam

(b) Members with no Total AMS commitment in Part IV of the Schedule which include all Members other than those listed above.

Eight possible situations would then arise:



<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the documents in the TN/AG/S/13 series.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question	Data sources
1	2	3	4
(a)	"general services"		
(b)	"public stockholding for food security purposes"		
(c)	"domestic food aid"		
(d)	"decoupled income support"		
(e)	"income insurance and income safety-net programmes"		
(f)	"payments for relief from natural disasters"		
(g)	"structural adjustment assistance provided through producer retirement programmes"		
(h)	"structural adjustment assistance provided through resource retirement programmes"		
(i)	"structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aids"		
(j)	"environmental programmes"		
(k)	"regional assistance programmes"		
(l)	"other"		

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2	Monetary value of measure in year in question	Data sources
1	2	3	4

- (a) "investment subsidies generally available to agriculture"
- (b) "input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers"
- (c) "support to encourage diversification from growing illicit narcotic crops"

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:3

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Direct Payments under Production-Limiting Programmes - "Exempt Direct Payments"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:5	Monetary value of measure in year in question	Data sources
1	2	3	4

- (a) "payments based on fixed area and yields"
- (b) "payments based on 85 per cent or less of the base level of production"
- (c) "livestock payments made on a fixed number of head"

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)	Current Total AMS (aggregate)
1	2	3	4
Product A			Total Product A
Product B			Total Product B
Product C			Total Product C
...			...
Non-product-specific AMS			Total Non-product-specific AMS (from Supporting Table DS:9 below)
			TOTAL: Current Total AMS

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:5

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support*

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST/...)	Eligible production	Associated fees/levies	Total market price support	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ((4-5)*6)-7	9



Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:7

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS*

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays	Other product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6)	Total AMS	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8+9)	11

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:8

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**

*Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support*

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	Production eligible to receive the applied administered price	Market price support budgetary outlays	Equivalent measurement of support (include calculation details)	Non-exempt direct payments	Other product-specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 (7+8+9-10)	12

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**

*Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays	Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product-specific support	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

► **Case 1:**

- ALFA is a Member with Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- ALFA provided no domestic support in the reporting year 2008.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
250	\$ million	0

ALFA notifies that no domestic support was provided to agricultural producers in 2008.

These two entries come from the Schedule.



## Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

### ► Case 2:

- BETA has no Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- BETA provided no domestic support in the reporting year 2008.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

Table DS:1

Case 2  
e.g. G/AG/N/SGP/18,  
G/AG/N/NGA/9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

BETA notifies that no domestic support was provided to agricultural producers in 2008.

Table DS:1 format has not been considered necessary in this case and the Nil statement can be reproduced on the first page of the notification.



### Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

► **Case 3:**

- ALFA is a developing country Member with Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- ALFA provided the following exempt domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - General Services programmes (Research, and marketing services) under the Green Box, and
  - Input subsidies to low-income or resource-poor farmers under Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What would be the composition of its notification?

- summary **Table DS:1** (Why? Because ALFA has Total AMS commitment )
  - **ST DS:1** (General Services programmes (Research, and marketing services))
  - **ST DS:2** (Input subsidies to low-income or resource-poor producers)
- **no** ST DS:3 as no Blue Box measure is applied and
- **no** ST DS:4 to ST DS:9 as these are used to notify “**non-exempt**” support measures.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1

Case 3  
e.g. G/AG/N/ZAF/71.

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Despite having only exempt measures, it is important to include the summary Table DS:1 to show the Total AMS commitment vis-à-vis zero Current Total AMS.

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
250	\$ million	0

In accordance with the notification requirements (paragraph (ii), page 11 of document G/AG/2), ALFA notifies that domestic support to agricultural producers in 2008 was provided through the operations of the Department of Agriculture and other government departments. All such support is covered by the domestic support categories which are exempt from reduction commitments under the Agreement on Agriculture. The attached **Supporting Tables DS:1** and **DS:2** provide details of these exempt measures.

Green Box Article 6.2

Such a situation of zero Current Total AMS in Table DS:1 may also arise if non-exempt support (whether product-specific or non-product-specific) is provided but it does not exceed the relevant *de minimis* levels, but the composition of the notification in terms of supporting tables would not be the same as mentioned above (i.e. ST DS:1 and ST DS:2 only). If there are non-exempt measures applied, the notification would also include ST DS:4 and other relevant supporting tables.  
e.g. G/AG/N/BRA/6/Rev.1, G/AG/N/JOR/3, G/AG/N/TUN/30, G/AG/N/CRI/6.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"*

All Green Box measures applied in the reporting year (2008) are to be included in **ST DS:1** along with their monetary values.

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
General services	Agricultural research: Provides research into technical issues reflecting agricultural productivity. The programmes are operated by the relevant Department and do not involve direct payments to producers. (Annex 2, §2(a))	134	"Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture
General services	Co-operative marketing programme: Provision of marketing facilities through co-operatives to provide for the accumulation of commercial quantities of goods (Annex 2, §2(f))	30	"Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture

Column 1 labels under the heading "measure type" are taken from G/AG/2 (page 13) by reference to Annex 2, paragraphs 2-13 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

This type of reference to the corresponding Green Box criteria may also facilitate the Review Process.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"*

**Supporting Table DS:2** must be distinguished from **Table DS:2**, which is a separate notification requirement (see page 92).

Measure type	Name and description of measure <span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">with reference to criteria in Article 6:2</span>	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers	Fertiliser subsidy: The fertiliser subsidy is <span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers through state agencies.</span>	2.3	"Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture

From G/AG/2 (page 14) by reference to Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture which, in addition, also exempts "investment subsidies generally available to agriculture" and "support to encourage diversification from growing illicit narcotic crops" from inclusion in developing country Member's calculation of Current Total AMS.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

► **Case 4:**

- BETA is a developing country Member with no Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- BETA provided the following exempt domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - General Services programmes (Infrastructural services) under the Green Box,
  - Public stockholding of wheat and sugar for food security purposes under the Green Box,
  - Domestic food aid programme to assist low-income families to obtain staple food under the Green Box, and
  - Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture under **Article 6.2** (subsidized credit to agricultural producers in general)
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

→ **WHAT IF ?**



BETA is not a developing country Member or is a Member who does not have access to Article 6.2?  
 The measure highlighted above would be considered for inclusion in the AMS calculations. As support is available to agricultural producers in general, the measure would be appropriately considered for inclusion in ST DS:9 as non-product-specific support. Please refer to **ST DS:9** in **Case 6** below.

How would the composition of the notification in Case 4 be different from Case 3?

The only difference *vis-à-vis* **Case 3** would be that the summary **Table DS:1** showing the Total AMS commitment would be empty. Alternatively, the **Table DS:1** format may be omitted.

**ST DS:1** (Green Box) and **ST DS:2** (Article 6.2) would be needed as in **Case 3**.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1

Case 4  
 e.g. G/AG/N/BHR/4, G/AG/N/BWA/5, G/AG/N/CUB/35,  
 G/AG/N/IDN/18, G/AG/N/MWI/2, G/AG/N/MYS/25, G/AG/N/MUS/1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3

In accordance with the notification requirements (paragraph (ii), page 11 of document G/AG/2), BETA notifies that domestic support to agricultural producers in 2008 was provided through the operations of the Department of Agriculture. All such support is covered by the domestic support categories which are exempt from reduction commitments under the Agreement on Agriculture. The attached Supporting Tables DS:1 and DS:2 provide details of these exempt measures.

Alternatively, as in **Case 1** above on page 55, the Summary Table DS:1 format may be omitted and the content above may be included on the first page of the notification.

For Members without scheduled Total AMS commitment, it is considered useful to outline in the beginning of the notification the scope of the domestic support measures included in the Table DS:1 notification.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
General services	<p>Infrastructural services: construction of rural roads, rural electrification, market and port facilities, water supply facilities .</p> <p>In all cases the expenditure was directed to the provision or construction of capital works only, and shall exclude the subsidized provision of on-farm facilities other than for the reticulation of generally-available public utilities. (Annex 2, §2(g))</p>	19	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture
Public stockholding for food security purposes	Government expenditure on public stockholding of wheat, and sugar for food security purposes.	329	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture
Domestic food aid	Provision of subsidized wheat and sugar to poor population .	111	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture

General services is a category of measures often utilized by Members, especially by developing country Members.

To categorize a measure under **general services**, in addition to the basic criteria prescribed for Green Box measures (i.e. **Paragraph 1 of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture**), the Members must ensure that the measure shall not involve **direct payments** to producers or processors (refer to **Paragraph 2 of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture**).

In addition, for measures covered under **infrastructural services**, the highlighted section above includes a criteria to be respected for such measures. During the Review Process, this has been a recurrent theme of questions raised by other Members concerning measures notified under infrastructural services.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Investment subsidy generally available to agriculture	Agricultural credit and loan scheme: Finance is available to all farmers in order to allow them to take measures to increase agricultural productivity.	6.8	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture

## Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

### ► Case 5:

- ALFA is a Member with Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- ALFA provided the following **non-exempt** domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - Market price support (MPS) for **milk** (purchasing by the government at an intervention price of \$255/t)
  - Deficiency direct payments for **wheat** (target price = \$130/t)
  - Transport subsidy for **wheat** (= \$5 million)
  - Non-product-specific support in the form of fertilizer and subsidy for buying farm machinery.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What would be the composition of the notification in terms of various Tables in the notification?

- summary **Table DS:1** (Why? Because ALFA has Total AMS commitment )
  - **ST DS:5** (Market price support measures for milk)
  - **ST DS:6** (Deficiency direct payments for wheat )
  - **ST DS:7** (Transport subsidy for wheat and also for the purposes of sum of product-specific AMSs)
  - **ST DS:9** (Non-product-specific support in the form of fertilizer and subsidy for buying farm machinery).
  - **ST DS:4** (for the calculation of Current Total AMS)
- and **no** ST DS:1 to ST DS:3: as these are used to notify “**exempt**” support measures.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
250	\$ million	212

This comes from column 4 of **ST DS:4**

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (\$ million)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below) (\$ million)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (\$ million)
1	2	3	4
Milk	80		80
Wheat	20		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>1</sup>
Non-product-specific AMS	132		132
<b>TOTAL (Current Total AMS)</b>			<b>212</b>

**Calculations:**

*de minimis* level = 10% of the value of wheat production in 2008  
 = 10% of \$250 million  
 = \$25 million  
 product-specific AMS for wheat = \$20 million  
 Product-specific AMS for wheat <= *de minimis* level

This is total non-product-specific AMS and the total figure comes from **ST DS:9**.

This is carried over to column 3 of **Table DS:1**.

Some notifications include an additional column in **ST DS:4** showing the value of production (VoP) to justify *de minimis* exemptions (e.g. G/AG/N/EEC/64, G/AG/N/USA/66). There are also examples where calculations justifying *de minimis* exemptions are included in Supporting Tables other than ST DS:4 (e.g. G/AG/N/AUS/41, G/AG/N/BRA/23)

Irrespective of the Supporting Table used for justifying *de minimis* claims, what is, however, always expected by Members is the inclusion of relevant VoP data (i.e., of relevant products for product-specific *de minimis* or total agricultural production for non-product-specific *de minimis* claims) in the notification. The information can be included as a footnote (as in this example) or in an additional column in **ST DS:4** (e.g. G/AG/N/CHN/17); there is no defined format. If not included, such data is generally requested by Members during the Review Process.

<sup>1</sup> The total value of wheat production in 2008 was \$250 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the notified product-specific AMS for wheat falls below the *de minimis* level (10%) and thus need not be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:5

### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008

#### Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support

This is "production **eligible** to receive the applied administered price" (refer to paragraph 8 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture)

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price (\$/tonnes)	External reference price (generally from AGST/...) (\$/tonnes)	Eligible production (tonnes)	Associated fees/levies (\$ million)	Total market price support (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ((4-5)*6)-7	9
Milk	Calendar year	intervention purchasing (partially producer funded)	255	200	2,000,000	30	80	*

It is generally understood that the External reference price (ERP) and the applied administered price (AP) must be calculated at an equivalent stage of processing of the basic agricultural product concerned. For example, if AP corresponds to milk, the ERP to be used in the MPS calculations should also correspond (or be converted) to the same stage of processing, i.e. milk.

Intervention price

ERP comes from Members' supporting data (AGST tables). The ERP remains fixed for a product, i.e. if market price support (MPS) is continued for milk say in 2009, ERP for **milk** would continue to be \$200/t and would be compared with the applied administered price for the year 2009 in the MPS calculations for 2009.

**What if :**

Product (say milk) subject to MPS in a reporting year does not appear in AGST (i.e. milk was not subject to MPS during the base years used in the AGST documentation)?

ERP would need to be calculated in accordance with paragraph 9 of **Annex 3 of Agreement on Agriculture:**

- average FOB unit value of the product during the base period (i.e. 1986-88) if Member was a net-exporting country for the product concerned in that period or
- average CIF unit value of the product during the base period if the Member was net-importing country in that period).

Once calculated as per the methodology above, the ERP for that product would remain fixed for that Member for subsequent reporting years.

This will be carried over to ST DS:7 for the calculation of product-specific AMS for **Milk**.

\* "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price (\$/tonnes)	External reference price (generally from AGST/...) (\$/tonnes)	Eligible production (tonnes)	Total price-related direct payments (\$ million)	Other non-exempt direct payments	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ((4-5)*6)	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11

Wheat	Calendar year	Deficiency payments	130	100	500,000	15	-	-	15	*
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Target price

**Fixed** reference price based on 1986-88  
Refer to **paragraph 11 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture.**

Price-gap based deficiency payments can be calculated either by using the price-gap methodology (as above) or using budgetary outlays.  
Refer to **paragraph 10 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture.**

This will be carried over to ST DS:7 for the calculation of product-specific AMS for **Wheat.**

\* "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:7

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS*

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays (\$ million)	Other product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support (\$ million)	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5) (\$ million)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6) (\$ million)	Total AMS (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8+9)	11
Milk	Calendar year	-					80	-	80	*
Wheat	Calendar year	Product specific transport subsidy	5	-	-	5	-	15	20	*

All non-exempt support measures for basic products other than market price support (to be included in **ST DS:5**) and non-exempt direct payments (to be included in **ST DS:6**) are to be included in **ST DS:7**.

**ST DS:7**, therefore, has a dual purpose:

1. includes other product-specific outlays, as in above example.
2. sums up various types of product-specific AMS amounts to arrive at **total** product-specific AMS (i.e. column 10) which is then carried over to **ST DS:4**.

These two figures on **total** product-specific AMS for **Milk** and **Wheat** will be carried over to column 2 of **ST DS:4**.

\* "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays (\$ million)	Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product-specific support (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7
Fertiliser subsidy	Calendar year	12	-	-	12	*
Subsidy for farmers to purchase agriculture machinery	Calendar year	120	-	-	120	*
Total					132	*

This is the total of all non-product-specific support measures and is carried over to **ST DS:4**. *De minimis* exemptions for non-product-specific support are to be assessed on the total amount of such support, against the total value of agricultural production.

\* "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture

## Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

### ► Case 6:

- BETA is a Member with no Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- BETA provided the following **non-exempt** domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - direct payments for **pineapples**
  - investment subsidies (subsidized credit to agricultural producers in general)
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What would be the composition of the notification?

- summary **Table DS:1** (where Current Total AMS may be indicated as “*de minimis*”)
  - **ST DS:6** (direct payments for pineapples )
  - **ST DS:9** (subsidized credit for agricultural producers; why? because it is in favour of agricultural producers in general and hence Non-product-specific)
  - **ST DS:4** (for the calculation of Current Total AMS)
- and **no**
  - **ST DS:1** to **ST DS:3**: (as these are used to notify “**exempt**” support measures).
  - **ST DS:5** (as there are no market price support measures)
  - **ST DS:7** (as there are no “other product-specific measures” to be included in ST DS:7 and the only product-specific measure is in the form of direct payments included in **ST DS:6**. Total product-specific AMS is only what is included in **ST DS:6** and which is carried over to **ST DS:4**).

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1 Case 6  
e.g. G/AG/N/TUR/14,

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3

Member with no Total AMS commitment in the Schedule.

*de minimis*

- Justification of the *de minimis* claim is provided in ST DS:4.
- A Member with no Total AMS commitment in the Schedule would need to ensure that non-exempt support is within the *de minimis* exemption.

→ Refer to Article 7.2(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (\$ million)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (\$ million)
1	2	3	4
Pineapples	1		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>1</sup>
Non-product-specific AMS	68		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>2</sup>
TOTAL (Current Total AMS)			0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )

For a Member with no Total AMS commitment, product-specific AMS for **each** product as well as Total non-product-specific AMS should not exceed the *de minimis* level.  
**→ Refer to Article 7.2(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture.**

1 The total value of pineapple production in 2008 was \$80 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the support amount falls below the *de minimis* level (5%) thus need not be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

2 The value of total agricultural production in 2008 was \$1.5 billion (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the support amount falls below the *de minimis* level (5%) thus need not be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST/...)	Eligible production	Total price-related direct payments	Other non-exempt direct payments (\$ million)	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ((4-5)*6)	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
Pineapples	Calendar year	Lump-sum payment to pineapple producers					1	-	1	*



**WHAT IF ?**

What if:  
Other types of product-specific measures say market price support (MPS) had been provided to pineapples or to any other product. One would be required to include **ST DS:5** for MPS but also **ST DS:7** for summing up purposes. Those **Total** amounts in **ST DS:7** would then be required to be carried over to **ST DS:4** (and not from **ST DS:6**, as in the current example).

The only product-specific measure is in the form of “non-exempt direct payments” included in ST DS:6 (applied to **Pineapples**). The amount in column 10 is, therefore, Total product-specific AMS for pineapples and is then carried over to ST DS:4.

\* “Annual production statistics”, Department of Agriculture.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays	Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details) (\$ million)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product-specific support (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7

Investment subsidy (subsidized credit for agricultural producers in general)	Calendar year	-	68*	-	68	**
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- This is the only non-product-specific support measure and the corresponding monetary value would therefore be the total non-product-specific AMS. It is carried over to **ST DS:4**.
- *De minimis* exemptions for non-product-specific AMS are to be assessed on the total amount of such support.

\* Agriculture producers pay a fixed interest rate of 8%. The support amount is calculated as the difference between this rate and the average market rate for the value of outstanding loans.  
 \*\* "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

► **Case 7:**

- GAMMA is a developed country Member with Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- GAMMA provided the following exempt and non-exempt domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - Green Box measures (General services and Natural disaster relief payments)
  - Blue Box measures (based on fixed area and yields and livestock payments)
  - Market price support measures for **Soybeans** (government purchasing for stock at an intervention price of \$450/t)
  - Direct payments for **Milk** (lump sum payment, budgetary outlay of \$10 million)
  - Storage subsidy for **Wheat** (budgetary outlay of \$200 million)
  - Market price support for **Tomatoes** (peak season disposal from market when domestic prices are low)
- GAMMA considers that the price support for **Tomatoes** should be calculated as Equivalent Measurement of Support (EMS).
- All support measures in 2008 are attributable only to specific basic agricultural products, i.e. no non-product-specific support has been granted.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What would be the composition of the notification in terms of various Tables in the notification?

- summary **Table DS:1** (Why? Because GAMMA has Total AMS commitment )
  - **ST DS:1** (Green Box measures)
  - **ST DS:3** (Blue Box measures)
  - **ST DS:5** (Market price support measures for **Soybeans**)
  - **ST DS:6** (Direct payments for **Milk**)
  - **ST DS:7** (Storage subsidy for **Wheat** and also for the purposes of sum of product-specific AMSs)
  - **ST DS:8** (Price support for **Tomatoes**, to be calculated as **EMS**)
  - **ST DS:4** (For the calculation of Current Total AMS)
- The following supporting tables are not required:
  - ST DS:2 (as Article 6.2 exemption is not applicable to developed country Members)
  - ST DS:9 (as there was no non-product-specific support measure in 2008)

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1

Case 7  
e.g. G/AG/N/EEC/64,  
G/AG/N/NOR/51

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3

2,500

\$ million

300

From Schedule

From Column 4 of **ST DS:4**

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
General services	Agricultural research: Provides research into technical issues reflecting agricultural productivity. The programmes are operated by the relevant Department and do not involve direct payments to producers. <b>(Annex 2, §2(a))</b>	3,500	"Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture
General services	Quarantine and veterinary services: Provision of veterinary expertise and quarantine services at both the border and on-farm in the form of an eradication programme for diseased animals. <b>(Annex 2, §2(b))</b>	590	""
Payments for relief from natural disasters	Disaster relief: Payments to farmers (direct or in kind) to assistance in repairing damage from flooding and wind in Y province. The disaster was formally recognised by the government on 13 April 2008. The payments do not fully compensate for the damage. <b>(Annex 2, §8)</b>	855	"Annual statements", Department of the Economy

"Measure type" categorization taken from G/AG/2 (page 13)

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:3

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Direct Payments under Production-Limiting Programmes - "Exempt Direct Payments"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:5	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Payments based on fixed area and yields	Set-aside: Payments made under the set-aside scheme require farmers to set-aside 8% of their arable area. For the purposes of this scheme, the relevant area is that shown to have been planted in 1993 (2.5 million hectares) and average yields for 1992-1994 are used (on average 3.8 t/ha).	560	"Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture
Livestock payments made on a fixed number of head	Stock retention: Payments are made on a maximum of 50 head of cattle or the number farmed in 1991 - whichever is the lesser. In order to be eligible to participate in the scheme, farmers must reduce total stock numbers by at least 10% from 1991 numbers.	1,679	""

"Measure type" categorization taken from G/AG/2 (page 15)

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (\$ million)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below) (\$ million)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (\$ million)
1	2	3	4
Wheat	200		200
Soybeans	95		95
Milk	10		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>1</sup>
Tomatoes		5	5
<b>TOTAL (Current Total AMS)</b>			<b>300</b>

All products receiving product-specific AMS or product-specific EMS are to be included in column 1 of ST DS:4.

This is **Current Total AMS** and is carried over to column 3 of Table DS:1.

<sup>1</sup> The total value of milk production in 2008 was \$800 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the support amount for milk falls below the *de minimis* level (5%) and hence does not need to be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:5

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support*

What constitutes the quantity of "eligible production"?  
Refer to **paragraph 8 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture**

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price (\$/tonnes)	External reference price (generally from AGST/...) (\$/tonnes)	Eligible production (tonnes)	Associated fees/levies (\$ million)	Total market price support (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ((4-5)*6)-7	9

Soybeans	Calendar year	Supported purchases for government stockpile	450	300	1,000,000	55	95	*
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Intervention price

This remains **fixed** and should be taken from **AGST** (if Soybeans appears in AGST) or to be calculated using **paragraph 9 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture**.

This figure should result from the formula in column 8.

\* "Annual production statistics", Department of Statistics and "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST/...)	Eligible production	Total price-related direct payments	Other non-exempt direct payments (\$ million)	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ((4-5)*6)	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
Milk	Calendar year	Lump-sum payment to milk producers					10	-	10	*

Carried over to column 9 of **ST DS:7**.

\* "Annual production statistics", Department of Statistics and "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:7

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS*

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays (\$ million)	Other product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support (\$ million)	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5) (\$ million)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6) (\$ million)	Total AMS (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8+9)	11
Wheat	Calendar year	Storage subsidy	200	-	-	200	-	-	200	*
Soybeans	Calendar year	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	95	*
Milk	Calendar year	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	*

Support for **wheat** falls under "other" product-specific AMS. It cannot be included in **ST DS:5** (MPS) or **ST DS:6** (direct payments). It is therefore reflected in **ST DS:7**

**ST DS:7**, has a dual purpose:

1. It includes other product-specific support measures, as in the above example.
2. It sums up various types of product-specific AMS amounts to arrive at one single product-specific AMS (i.e. column 10) which is then carried over to **ST DS:4**.

These figures correspond to **Total** product-specific AMS and are carried over to column 2 of **ST DS:4**.

\* "Annual production statistics", Department of Statistics and "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:8

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support*

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	Production eligible to receive the applied administered price	Market price support budgetary outlays (\$ million)	Equivalent measurement of support (include calculation details) (\$ million)	Non-exempt direct payments	Other product-specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 (7+8+9-10)	12
Tomatoes	Calendar year	Peak season disposal of surpluses	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	5	*

This is a market price support measure for tomatoes. Monetary value has been calculated as product-specific **EMS**. Refer to **Annex 4** of the Agreement on Agriculture for calculation guidelines.

This is product-specific EMS for tomatoes and is carried over to column 3 of **ST DS:4**.

\* "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture.

## Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

### ► Case 8:

- BETA is a developing country Member with no Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- BETA provided the following exempt and non-exempt domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - Green Box measures (General Services and Domestic food aid)
  - Article 6.2 programme (Investment subsidy generally available to agriculture)
  - direct payments for maize (per tonne payment, budgetary outlay of \$1 million)
  - subsidized credits for agricultural producers in general to buy seeds and fertilizers (preferential interest rate of 8% whereas average market interest rate during the year was 18%. Loan disbursed in 2008 was \$600 million.)
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What would be the composition of the notification in terms of various Tables in the notification?

- summary **Table DS:1** (where Current Total AMS may be indicated as “*de minimis*”)
  - **ST DS:1** (Green Box)
  - **ST DS:2** (Article 6.2 measures)
  - **ST DS:6** (direct payments for Maize )
  - **ST DS:9** (subsidized credit for agricultural producers, why? Because it is in favour of agricultural producers, in general and hence Non-product-specific)
  - **ST DS:4** (for the calculation of Current Total AMS)
- and **no**
  - **ST DS:3**: (no Blue Box measures).
  - **ST DS:5** (as there are no Market price support measures)
  - **ST DS:7** (as there are no “other product-specific measures” to be included in ST DS:7. Total product-specific AMS is only what is already included in **ST DS:6**).

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1	Case 8 e.g. G/AG/N/IND/1, G/AG/N/BRB/16, G/AG/N/CHL/13, G/AG/N/BGD/2	<b>DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA</b>	
<b>REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008</b>			
<i>Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support</i>			
Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS	
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)	
1	2	3	
-		<i>de minimis</i>	
↓		↓	
Member with no Total AMS commitment in the Schedule.		Supporting information/calculation for <i>de minimis</i> is included in ST DS:4.	

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
General services	Quarantine and veterinary services: Provision of veterinary expertise and quarantine services at both the border and on-farm in the form of an eradication programme for diseased animals. <b>(Annex 2, §2(b))</b>	94	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture
Domestic food aid	Domestic food aid entitlement for low-income families: these families can purchase food directly from a government agency at a sharply reduced price. <b>(Annex 2, §4)</b>	30	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture



**WHAT IF ?**

This domestic food aid is a new programme and was first time introduced in 2008 ?

As the programme is covered under one of the three “**exempt**” categories (i.e. Green Box, Blue Box or Article 6.2), in accordance with Article 18.3 of the Agreement on Agriculture, BETA would be required to submit a separate **Table DS:2** notification (format and timelines discussed on pages 92-93 below) explaining, *inter alia*, how the programme meets the criteria under Annex 2.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Investment subsidy generally available to agriculture	Agricultural credit and loan scheme: Finance is available to all farmers in order to allow them the resources necessary in order to increase productivity.	6.8	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture

"Measure type" categorization taken from G/AG/2 (page 14)

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (\$ million)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (\$ million)
1	2	3	4
Maize	1		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>1</sup>
Non-product-specific AMS	60		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>2</sup>
TOTAL (Current Total AMS)			0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )

For a Member with no Total AMS commitment, product-specific AMS for **each** product receiving such support as well as non-product-specific AMS should not exceed the *de minimis* level, otherwise this would constitute a breach of its commitment under **Article 7.2(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture**.

1 The total value of Maize production in 2008 was \$80 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the reported amount of support falls below the *de minimis* level (10%). Therefore, it does not need to be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

2 The value of total agricultural production in 2008 was \$800 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the reported amount of support falls below the *de minimis* level (10%). Therefore, it does not need to be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST/...)	Eligible production	Total price-related direct payments	Other non-exempt direct payments (\$ million)	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ((4-5)*6)	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
Maize	Calendar year	Per tonne payment					1	-	1	*

Budgetary outlay



\* "Annual production statistics", Department of Agriculture.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays	Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details) (\$ million)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product-specific support (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7
Input subsidies (Subsidized credit for agricultural producers to buy seeds and fertilizer)	Calendar year	-	60*	-	60	**

**Calculations?**  
 Support= (18%-8%)\*\$600 million = \$60 million  
 Refer to **paragraph 13 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture.**

\* Agriculture producers pay a fixed interest rate of 8%. The subsidy is calculated as the difference between this rate and the market rate (18%) for the value of outstanding loans disbursed (i.e. \$600 million).  
 \*\* "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture.

Table DS:2 Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction

## NOTIFICATION FORMAT

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### WHO?

All Members, when they introduce a new measure or modify an existing measure that they consider as exempt from reduction commitment.

### WHAT TO NOTIFY?

Details of the new or modified measure and its conformity with relevant criteria for exemption. There are three possible categories of 'exempt' support under the Agreement on Agriculture:

- Annex 2 (Green Box),
- Article 6.2 (Development Programmes), and
- Article 6.5 (Blue Box).



### WHEN?

As far as practicable before such measures are adopted and in any event within 30 days of adoption.



Table DS:2 Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction

<p>Table DS:2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>(1) Full title of measure:</b></p> <p><b>(2) Domestic legislation reference:</b></p> <p><b>(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:</b></p> <p>Annex 2: Green box: (a) "general services"; (b) "public stockholding for food security purposes"; (c) "domestic food aid"; (d) "decoupled income support"; (e) "income insurance and income safety-net programmes"; (f) "payments for relief from natural disasters"; (g) "structural adjustment assistance provided through producer retirement programmes"; (h) "structural adjustment assistance provided through resource retirement programmes"; (i) "structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aids; (j) "environmental programmes"; (k) "regional assistance programmes"; (l) "other"; <b>and/or</b></p> <p>Article 6:2: Development programmes: (a) "investment subsidies generally available to agriculture"; (b) "input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers"; (c) "support to encourage diversification from illicit narcotic crops"; <b>and/or</b></p> <p>Article 6:5: Exempt direct payments: (a) "payments based on fixed area and yields"; (b) payments based on 85 per cent or less of the base level of production"; (c) "livestock payments made on a fixed number of head".</p> <p><b>(4) Cost of measure:</b></p> <p><b>(5) Date of entry into effect:</b></p> <p><b>(6) Period of application:</b></p> <p><b>(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):</b></p>
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Details in columns 1 to 7 are to be included for each new or modified domestic support measure, which is claimed as exempt from reduction commitments.



## Table DS:2 Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction



### HOW TO NOTIFY?

#### ► Case 1

- ALFA is a developing country Member.
- ALFA introduced a new Fertilizer subsidy programme for low-income or resource-poor producers in 2008.
- ALFA intends to notify it as an 'exempt' measure under Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.
- When and how should the information be presented in its Table DS:2 notification?

**The measure should be notified as far as practicable before it is adopted and in any event within 30 days of adoption.**

Table DS:2 Case 1  
e.g. G/AG/N/MEX/14

#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

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- (1) Full title of measure:** Fertilizer Subsidy Scheme.
- (2) Domestic legislation reference:** Strategic Inputs Support Scheme published in Official Gazette of 4 September 2007
- (3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:**  
Article 6.2: The Programme defines low-income producers as those with a maximum agricultural land of 10 hectares or an annual income of less than USD 10000. The scheme supports eligible producers by providing them with available nitrogenous fertilizers at 50% of the market price. The government bears the rest of the cost. The support is in the form of input subsidies and is provided only to low-income or resource-poor producers. The programme is therefore covered under Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.
- (4) Cost of measure:** Estimate for 2008: \$3 million
- (5) Date of entry into effect:** 1 January 2008
- (6) Period of application:** Unlimited
- (7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):** No specific product. Applicable to resource-poor agricultural producers.

## Table DS:2 Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction

### ► Case 2

- The Table DS:1 notification from BETA (refer to Case 8 above) came up for review in the Committee on Agriculture.
- Some Members asked whether the “domestic food aid” programme included in ST DS:1 was a new support measure. If yes, Members insisted that BETA should submit a Table DS:2 notification.
- BETA responded that the measure in question was indeed a new support measure introduced in 2008 and agreed that a Table DS:2 notification would be circulated to Members soon.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:2 notification?

Table DS:2 Case 2  
e.g. G/AG/N/ZAF/68

#### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Domestic food aid entitlement for low-income families.
- (2) **Domestic legislation reference:** Law 1995/345 of 20 April 2008
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:**  
Annex 2: Green Box: domestic food aid; Through a system of discount cards issued to families considered to be in a low-income category, the families can purchase food directly from a government agency at a sharply reduced price. The foods include dairy products, rice, cereal products and vegetable oils. Purchases of food necessary to operate the scheme are made by the government agency at the current market price (the government agency may also import the food as necessary given the domestic/external price relationships).
- (4) **Cost of measure:** Estimate for 2008: \$30 million
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 1 June 2008
- (6) **Period of application:** Unlimited
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):** No individual product

## Table DS:2 Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction

### ► Case 3

- GAMMA has a set-aside programme in their domestic support system.
- The programme has been covered under the Blue Box (refer to ST DS:3 in Case 7 above) in its Table DS:1 notifications.
- In the year 2009, GAMMA expanded the product coverage under the set-aside programme and included soybeans as one of the products eligible for support.
- Will there be a need to circulate a Table DS:2 notification?
- If yes, how should the information be presented in its Table DS:2 notification?

**This is a situation where an existing “exempt” measure is modified. A Table DS:2 notification would be required. The measure should be notified as far as practicable before it is adopted and in any event within 30 days of adoption.**

Table DS:2 Case 3  
e.g. G/AG/N/EEC/47

#### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: **GAMMA**

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- (1) Full title of measure:** Regulation amending the set-aside programme No. 371 (amending the Law 320 of 1 January 1998)
- (2) Domestic legislation reference:** Law 320 of 1 July 2009 published in Government Legislation Handbook 2009
- (3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:**  
Exempt direct payments under Article 6.5(a)(i): The aid is granted to soyabean producers under the set-aside programme. Payments made under the set-aside scheme require farmers to set-aside 8% of their arable area. Base area is that shown to have been planted in 1993 and average yields are based on 1992-1994. The payments are based on fixed area and fixed yields and covered under Article 6.5(a)(i) of the Agreement on Agriculture.
- (4) Cost of measure:** The additional costs of this measure will be USD 5 million annually.
- (5) Date of entry into effect:** 1 June 2010
- (6) Period of application:** Unlimited
- (7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):** Soybeans