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DOMESTIC SUPPORT AND EXPORT SUBSIDIES IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

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Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LIBERIA
REPORTING PERIOD: 2011 - 2014

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - "Green Box"

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (US\$)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
General services	<u>Research</u> – research related to traditional farming practices, irrigation, plant and animal breeding, grains and cereals, roots and tubercles, and production and integrated protection of the agricultural products.		Ministry of Agriculture, Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI), Liberia Produce Marketing Corporation (LPMC)
	2011/2012	1,045,580	
	2012/2013	1,012,490	
	2013/2014	784,148	
	<u>Extension</u> – includes availability of means to facilitate the transfer of information; enabling of agricultural agent; production and diffusion of programmes of awareness, training and information for farmers.		
	2011/2012	589,246	
	2012/2013	1,382,290	
	2013/2014	243,566	
	<u>Marketing and promotion</u> services, including market information, advice and promotion relating to particular products.		
	2011/2012	700,000	
2012/2013	620,658		
2013/2014	410,064		
<u>Pest and disease control</u> , including quarantine.			
2011/2012	143,514		
2012/2013	105,904		
2013/2014	43,659		
<u>Training services</u> – training of farmers			
2011/2012	61,506		
2012/2013	45,388		
2013/2014	18,711		

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (US\$)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Public stockholding for food security purposes (provided by donor countries)	None		
Domestic food aid	None		
Decoupled income support	None		
Income insurance and income safety-net programmes	None		
Payments for relief from natural disasters	None		
Structural adjustment assistance provided through producer retirement programmes	None		
Structural adjustment assistance provided through resource retirement programmes	None		
Structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aids	None		
Environmental programmes	None		
Regional assistance programmes	None		

Supporting Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LIBERIA
REPORTING PERIOD: 2011 - 2014

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 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (US\$)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture	Rental of agricultural machinery and equipment at subsidized prices		Ministry of Agriculture
	2011/2012	338,664 ¹	
	2012/2013	0	
2013/2014	59,570 ²		
Input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers	Provision of chemicals, fertilizers, seeds and veterinary drugs		
	2011/2012	294,000	
	2012/2013	294,000	
	2013/2014	93,507	

¹ This is the approximate expenditure on the machinery and equipment. Due to lack of data it has not been possible to calculate the amount of the subsidy.

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Supporting Table DS:3

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LIBERIA
REPORTING PERIOD: 2011 - 2014**

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 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (US\$)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
<i>None</i>			

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LIBERIA
REPORTING PERIOD: 2011 - 2014**

Calculation of the Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Description of basic products	Product-specific AMS	Product-specific measurements of support	Current Total AMS
1	2	3	4
<i>None</i>			

Supporting Table DS:5

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LIBERIA
REPORTING PERIOD: 2011 - 2014

Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support

Description of basic products	Calendar/ marketing year	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price	Eligible production	Associated fees/levies	Total market price support	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ((4-5*6)-7)	9
<i>None</i>								

Supporting Table DS:6

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LIBERIA
REPORTING PERIOD: 2011 - 2014

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

Description of basic product	Calendar/marketing year	Measures type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price	Eligible production	Total price-related direct payments	Other non-exempt direct payments	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ((4-5)*6)	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
<i>None</i>										

Supporting Table DS:7

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LIBERIA
REPORTING PERIOD: 2011 - 2014

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

Description of basic product	Calendar/marketing year	Measures type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays	Other product-specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support	Market price support	Non-exempt direct payments	Total AMS	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
<i>None</i>										

Supporting Table DS:8

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LIBERIA
REPORTING PERIOD: 2011 - 2014

Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support

Description of basic products	Calendar/marketing year	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	Production eligible to receive the applied administered price	Market price support budgetary outlays	Equivalent measurement of support	Non-exempt direct payments	Other product-specific support	Associated fees	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 (7+8+9-10)	12
<i>None</i>											

Supporting Table DS:9

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LIBERIA
REPORTING PERIOD: 2011 - 2014

Non-Product-Specific AMS

Measure type(s)	Calendar/marketing year	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays	Other non-product-specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product specific support	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7
<i>None</i>						

Supporting Table ES:1

EXPORT SUBSIDIES: LIBERIA
REPORTING PERIOD: 2011 - 2014

Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity

Description of products	Direct export subsidies	Sales of stocks	Producer financed subsidies	Cost reduction measures	Internal transport subsidies	Total product specific export subsidies	Quantity of subsidized exports	Data source
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>None</i>								

ANNEX

Explanatory Notes

Domestic Support (Supporting Tables DS:1-9)

The Republic of Liberia is a least developed country with an area of about 43,000 square miles which consists of mangrove swamps and beaches along the coast, wooded hills and semi-deciduous shrub lands lateralling the immediate interior, and dense tropical forests and plateaus in the interior. Liberia has 40% of West Africa's rain forest. Liberia has a population of 3.49 million (2008 estimate).

The mainstay of the Liberian economy is agriculture, which contributed about 39% of aggregate GDP in 2014. Agriculture is thus a major component of economic revitalization. Agriculture is the primary source of livelihood for over 70% of the population.

However, the scarce resources available to smallholders and a poor transportation network hamper their ability to get products to market. The agricultural sector also suffers from low productivity because technology, infrastructure, inputs and supplies, and labour were heavily impacted during the 14 years of civil conflicts. Interventions, measures, and assistance to remedy the problems are slowly becoming available.

Fresh water sources are plentiful and rainfall is sufficient to nurture agriculture production. Consequently, Government's interventions in research, technical and extension services are principally geared towards improving the productive capacity of smallholder farmers.

The figures quoted in Supporting Table DS:1 for this category are those expenditures tracked by the Ministry of Agriculture, Liberia Produce Marketing Corporation and Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI). Salaries and wages make up the significant component of the Government of Liberia's expenditure for domestic support.

Technical support from donors is excluded from the figures quoted in the Supporting Tables.

Export Subsidies (Supporting Table ES:1)

The Republic of Liberia does not and has not provided any form of export subsidies.
