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DOMESTIC SUPPORT AND EXPORT SUBSIDIES IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Revision

The following submission, dated 2 October 2013, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Seychelles.

NOTE

In respect to the request for submission of the Domestic Support Table for Seychelles, Seychelles is pleased to attach herewith its submission for the years 2010-2012.

Seychelles would like to confirm that all required information is thereby included with the exception of data on one support measure which is classified under DS:2 - Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes:

Financial incentives to develop economic activities of farms under the umbrella of "Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture".

Seychelles currently provides non-discriminatory indirect financial incentive to the sector through a concession-based Agricultural and Fisheries Incentives Act (available through document WT/ACC/SYC/9/Add.1). Such incentives take the form of tariff concessions on imports by the agricultural sector and as thus reflect revenue forgone for the Government.

Seychelles has best endeavoured to compile these concessionary based statistics, however, the country does not have a system in place for registering those specific transactions which has made it problematic to obtain accurate figures.

It is to be noted, that the review and improvement of trade statistics is part of a wider Customs reform programme, currently being undertaken with the assistance of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the African Development Bank and the World Customs Organization. Seychelles shall keep the Working Party informed on the progress.

Seychelles reaffirms its commitment on providing periodical review of information through the Domestic Support Tables as required by the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: SEYCHELLES
REPORTING PERIOD: 2010-2012**

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 (million Seychelles Rupees)				Data sources
		2010	2011	2012	Average 2010-2012	
1	2	3	4	5	6 = (3+4+5)/3	7
(a) General services						
(i) Research ¹	Budgetary expenditure for the operation of agricultural research institutions and agencies.	4	3.62	3.55	3.73	SAA budget expenditure figures
(ii) Training services ²	Budgetary expenditures to set up, maintain and develop agricultural training institutions and centres.	0.6	0.56	0.65	0.61	Ministry of Education budget expenditure figures
(iii) Extension and advisory services ³	Budgetary expenditure to establish and maintain a nationwide network of agricultural extension and advisory services from central to district level, and projects funded by national or local budget to develop plant varieties and animal breeds under national programmes.	2.6	2.76	2.80	2.72	SAA budget expenditure figures
(iv) Infrastructure services ⁴	Budgetary expenditure to construct and upgrade farm irrigation systems as well as other infrastructural development.	1.5	1.94	5.59	3.01	SAA budget expenditure figures
	Budgetary expenditures to strengthen input infrastructure through activities related to storage of plant varieties/seeds of vegetables, fertilizers, pesticides, vet drugs, etc. ⁵	4.34	4.5	4.5	4.45	
(v) Pest and disease control, inspection services ⁶	Budgetary expenditures on plant and animal health protection (e.g., epidemic alert, pest and disease surveillance, prevention and eradication), border and cross-region control, and development of relevant legal instruments.	1.1	0.20	0.20	0.50	SAA budget expenditure figures

¹ The Government provides budget to the Seychelles Agricultural Agency (SAA) which in turn disburses towards its sub units, the Vegetable and Evaluation Research Section and the Plant Protection Unit. Both of which are involved in research related issues.

² Training services are provided by the Seychelles Agricultural and Horticultural Training Centre which falls under the Ministry of Education.

³ This measure is given through the Seychelles Agricultural Agency which has a unit dedicated entirely to Extension and Advisory Services.

⁴ Measure is provided by the Government budget dependent SAA through its respective disbursement of its allocated budget for the planning section.

⁵ Measure provided by the SAA through its various respective sub-units. Measure is complimented by a revolving budget for agricultural requisites. Measure does not entail any input subsidy or preferential user charges component. Stored products are made available to producers at market prices.

⁶ Measure provided by the SAA through its plant and animal protection units.

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 (million Seychelles Rupees)				Data sources
		2010	2011	2012	Average 2010-2012	
1	2	3	4	5	6 = (3+4+5)/3	7
(b) Public stockholding for food security purposes		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
(c) Domestic food aid		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
(d) Decoupled income support		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
(e) Income insurance and income safety-net programmes		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
(f) Payments for relief from natural disaster		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
(g) Structural adjustment assistance provided through producer retirement programmes		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
(h) Structural adjustment assistance provided through resource retirement programmes		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
(i) Structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aids		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
(j) Environmental programmes		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
(k) Regional assistance programmes		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
(l) Other		0	0	0	0	SAA budget expenditure figures
Total		14.14	13.58	17.29	15.01	

Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: SEYCHELLES
REPORTING PERIOD: 2010-2012**

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 (million Seychelles Rupees)				Data sources
		2010	2011	2012	Average 2010-2012	
1	2	3	4	5	6 = (3+4+5)/3	7
(a) Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture	Investment loans with a preferential interest rate of 2.5%. ⁷	0.2	-	-	0.2	Documentation of the Small Business Financing Agency of the Ministry of Finance
	Financial incentives to develop economic activities of farms ⁸	-	-	-	-	
	Lease of land at preferential rate of SR 6.50/m ² ⁽⁹⁾	26.5	25.9	25.9	26.10	Information from the Ministry of Land Use and Habitat
(b) Input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers		0	0	0	0	
(c) Support to encourage diversification from growing illicit narcotic crops		0	0	0	0	
Total		26.7	25.9	25.9	26.17	

⁷ Loan managed by the Small Business Financing Agency under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance, disbursed through the Development Bank of Seychelles at a preferential rate of 2.5%. The figures represent the revenue forgone in administering the preferential rate as opposed to the prevailing commercial rate of 8.5%.

⁸ Support reflected through the Agricultural and Fisheries Incentives Act of 2005, which provides for Import Duty and Value Added Tax (VAT) exemptions on agricultural imports by registered farmers. Seychelles is unable to provide the exact measurement of support in terms of the revenue forgone at this point in time (refer to attached information note).

⁹ Support reflected through a preferential rate of SR 6.50/m² for lease of land for agricultural activities. The figures provided express revenue forgone in administering the preferential rate as opposed to the commercial rate of SR 30.00/m² over the last 3 years.

Supporting Table DS:3

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: SEYCHELLES
REPORTING PERIOD: 2010-2012**

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	Data sources
1	2	3	4
(a) Payments based on fixed area and yields		NIL	
(b) Payments based on 85% or less of the base level of production			
(c) Livestock payments made on a fixed number of head			

Supporting Table DS:4

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: SEYCHELLES
REPORTING PERIOD: 2010-2012

Calculation of the Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Description of basic products		Product-specific AMS (million Seychelles Rupees)	Product-specific measurements of support	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (million Seychelles Rupees)
1		2	3	4
Livestock	2010	0	-	0
	2011	0	-	0
	2012	3.6	-	0 (<i>de minimis</i> *)
Total				<i>de minimis</i>

*: This total value of support amounts to **6%** of the total value of livestock production value and this qualifies under *de minimis* as per Article 6, paragraph 4(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture. Please see the statistical annex below, for details showing production value for the year of 2012:

	Production (tonnes)	Indicative Market Price (SCR/tonne)	Value of Production (million Seychelles Rupees)
Broiler	397.70	0.060	23.88
Pork	450.95	0.090	40.59
Other meats	Negligible	-	-
Total value of Livestock production			64.47
Livestock subsidy			3.6
Subsidy as % of total value of livestock production			6%

Supporting Table DS:5

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: SEYCHELLES
REPORTING PERIOD: 2010-2012**

Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support

Description of basic products	Calendar 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>NIL</i>								

Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: SEYCHELLES
REPORTING PERIOD: 2010-2012**

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

Description of basic product	Calendar year	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price	Eligible production	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 = ((4-5)*6)-7	9
<i>NIL</i>								

Supporting Table DS:7

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: SEYCHELLES
REPORTING PERIOD: 2010-2012**

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

Description of basic product	Calendar year	Measure type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays (million Seychelles Rupees)	Other product specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support (million Seychelles Rupees)	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6)	Total AMS (million Seychelles Rupees)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 = (4+5-6)	8	9	10 = (7+8+9)	11
	2010	Abattoir support ¹⁰	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment
	2011		0	-	-	0	-	-	0	Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment
	2012		3.6	-	-	3.6	-	-	3.6	Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment

¹⁰ This assistance is given to the abattoir as a support mechanism designed to ensure that the slaughter of animals remains at an affordable price. It also serves as a general form of infrastructure support to ensure that the abattoir is maintained according to good hygienic and SPS standards. However, monetary amount corresponding to infrastructure is unable to be separated.

Supporting Table DS:8

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: SEYCHELLES
REPORTING PERIOD: 2010-2012**

Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support

Description of basic product	Calendar 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/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
<i>NIL</i>											

Supporting Table DS:9

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: SEYCHELLES
REPORTING PERIOD: 2010-2012

Non-Product-Specific AMS

Measure type(s)	Calendar 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>NIL</i>						

Supporting Table ES:1

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: SEYCHELLES
REPORTING PERIOD: 2010-2012**

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 sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>NIL</i>								