

ON-LINE SUBMISSION OF AGRICULTURE NOTIFICATIONS

Now Members can submit agriculture notifications through on-line screens or standardized excel templates. For further information regarding how to submit notifications online a User Guide can be requested at agims@wto.org. Members are also invited to contact the Secretariat to: (1) request login details for this function; (2) schedule one-on-one training sessions with the Secretariat (in person or via Skype).

What are the advantages of the on-line system?

- Increased accuracy in calculations – the system calculates market price support, current total AMS, trigger volumes, trigger prices, etc based on information provided by Members
- Improved consistency – information flows automatically from supporting tables to main tables
- Easy reference to scheduled information – the system includes information on Members' commitments as extracted from the WTO Consolidated Tariff Schedules (CTS).
- Timely updates of data – notified data will become immediately searchable online once the notification is circulated
- Consistent presentation of notified information

... and many more!

Check out our introductory video for additional information on this new function
www.wto.org/vidagims.

To request further information or to suggest improvements to the AG IMS, please contact the WTO Secretariat at:

agims@wto.org

Please refer to our sister databases SPS IMS (<http://spsims.wto.org>) and TBT IMS (<http://tbtims.wto.org>) for information related to the Agreement on the implementation of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.



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AGRICULTURE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (AG IMS)

AGRICULTURE INFORMATION AT
YOUR FINGERTIPS

A tool to access WTO information related to Agriculture, including in relation to the work of the Committee on Agriculture and WTO Members' agricultural policies.

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QUICK ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

- What agricultural policies are being applied by my main trading partners in the area of domestic support?
- How much did my country spend in Green Box policies?
- How can I know how a Member administers its Tariff Rate Quota for chicken?
- Did my trading partners invoke agricultural safeguards last year?
- Have my trading partners provided export subsidies to sugar?
- How can I quickly prepare a report of recent notifications submitted by my trading partners for distribution to interested stakeholders?
- What questions have been asked to my country in the review process of the Committee on Agriculture?
- I have a concern regarding a Member's policy, has any other Member raised a similar concern in the Committee on Agriculture? If so, what was the response?

COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF WTO'S AGRICULTURE INFORMATION

The Agreement on Agriculture spells out a number of rules for government measures affecting agricultural trade. The rules primarily cover three main areas: market access (measures applying to imports), domestic support granted to farmers and export competition (a term used for export subsidies and export-related policies having similar effect). The Committee on Agriculture is mandated to oversee the implementation of the Agreement on Agriculture and to provide an opportunity for Members to raise any matter relevant to the implementation of commitments under this Agreement. The Committee on Agriculture uses Members' notifications of their policies as the basis for this review. By the first half of 2018, more than 4,264 notifications had been submitted for review. For the same period, more than 6,207 questions and concerns regarding Members' agricultural policies had been raised in the Committee on Agriculture.

The AG IMS is intended to assist government officials, producers, traders, academics and other interested parties to track this wealth of information effectively and benefit from the transparency offered by the multilateral trading system.

The AG IMS is a free, publicly available, internet-based tool that contains the most up-to-date information from the WTO. It is available in English, French, and Spanish.

It allows users to search and report information on:

- Agriculture measures notified to the WTO in the context of the Agreement on Agriculture
- Notified data and information
- Members' compliance with notification obligations
- Questions and answers raised in the Committee on Agriculture

ADVANCED SEARCH CAPABILITIES

Users can search Agriculture information by a wide range of criteria, including:

Notifications:

- Document symbol
- Date of distribution
- Notifying Member
- Implementation year
- Notification formats (Table DS:1, ES:1, MA:2, MA:5. etc.)

Compliance with notification obligations:

- Regular notification obligations
- Other regular notification obligations
- List of notifications since 1995
- Compliance document (G/AG/GEN/86 series)

Search and analyse notified information:

- Tariff and other quotas
- Special agricultural safeguards
- Domestic support
- Export subsidies
- Food aid

Questions and answers submitted since 1995:

- ID number
- Document symbol
- Date raised
- CoA meeting number
- Question raised by
- Question answered by
- Notification format
- Keywords (Tariff quota fill, domestic food aid, *de minimis*, quantity of total exports, etc.)
- Products covered
- Free text

Online submission of Questions and Answers:

The AG IMS contains a function that allows Members to submit questions and answers directly to the Member concerned in the context of the review process of the Committee on Agriculture. This function is password protected and available to the Missions and authorized entities.

