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# Domestic support

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# Who?



#### **All Members**

Members with base and annual commitment levels shown in Section I of Part IV of their Schedule

Required not to exceed the Total AMS commitment levels (Article 3.2)

Members with no base or annual commitment levels shown in Section I of Part IV of their Schedule

Required not to exceed the relevant *de minimis* levels (Article 7.2(b))

Where no support is provided, statement to this effect should be made



# Members with Total AMS reduction commitments



Argentina European Moldova Switzerland Communities Liechtenstein

Australia Former Yugoslav Morocco Chinese Taipei

Republic of Macedonia

Bolivarian Republic Iceland New Zealand Thailand

of Venezuela

Brazil Israel Norway Tunisia

Canada Japan Papua New Ukraine

Guinea

Colombia Jordan Saudi Arabia United States

Costa Rica Korea South Africa Viet Nam

Croatia Mexico



# When?

#### **Annual**

# except that LDCs should submit ST/DS:1 to ST/DS:3 every two years

Members with base and annual commitment levels shown in Section I of Part IV of their Schedule

No later than 90 days following the end of the calendar (or, marketing, fiscal, etc.) year

Where this notification is provisional, final notification should be submitted no later than 120 day following the end of the year

Members with no base or annual commitment levels shown in Section I of Part IV of their Schedule

**Annual notification** 



# Relevant Supporting Tables



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Article 6.2

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Exempt Direct Payments
Article 6.5

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Calculation of Current Total AMS
Product-specific AMS/EMS
Non-product-specific AMS

*De minimis* Article 6.4





# Relevant provisions

- Article 1 Definition of Terms
- Article 3 Incorporation of Concessions and Commitments
- Article 6 Domestic Support Commitments
- Article 7 General Disciplines on Domestic Support
- Annex 2 Domestic Support: The Basis for Exemption from the Reduction Commitment
- Annex 3 Calculation of Aggregate Measurement of Support
- Annex 4 Calculation of Equivalent Measurement of Support





# Reference tools

- Section I of Part IV Total AMS commitments
- AGST/--- or final ACC/4 document referenced in the Schedule of the Member concerned
  - Domestic support measures in base period
  - Data and calculation methodology
  - Total AMS in base period





Table DS:1

#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

#### 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

#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Thailand**

#### REPORTING PERICO: Calendar year 2004

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
19,028.48	million Baht	14,818.67



## Schedule of the Member concerned:



	Schedule L	XXIX - THAILAND	
PART IV	- AGRICULTURAL PRODU	 CTS: COMMITMENTS I	LIMITING SUBSIDIZATION
		greement on Agriculture) Support: Total AMS Cor	
BASE TOTAL AMS (million Baht)	Years of implementation 1995 - 2004	Annual and final bound commitment levels (million Baht)	Relevant Supporting Tables and document reference
1		2	3
22,126.18	1	21,816.41	AGST/THA
	2	21,506.64	Supporting Tables 4, 5, 8 and 9
	3	21,196.87	
	4	20,887.10	
	5	20,577.33	
	6	20,267.56	
	7	19,957.79	
	8	19,648.02	
	9	19,338.25	
	10	19,028.48	



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"

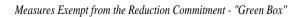


"regional assistance programmes"

"other"

#### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Cuba

#### REPORTING PERIOD: 2008





Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (in millions of Cuban pesos)	Data source
1	2	3	4
General services			
Science and technology, basic and applied research	Coordination and maintenance of agricultural research services and facilities, transfer of scientific and technical information, technical assistance and advisory services to producers (Annex 2, §2(a) and (d))	63.6	Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Sugar
Animal and plant health services	Scientific and technical research concerning animal and plant health (Annex 2, §2(a) and (b))	27.1	Ministry of Higher Education and Ministry of Agriculture
Education and vocational training in rural areas (primary, secondary and higher education)	State budget for rural education and vocational training at primary, secondary and higher levels (Annex 2, §2(c))	1,287.2	Ministry of Higher Education and Ministry of Finance and Prices
Domestic food aid	Retail price subsidy for certain products that constitute the basic food basket (Annex 2, §4)	1,808.3	Ministry of Finance and Prices
Natural disaster relief	Payments for relief in the event of natural disasters (pests and diseases) (Annex 2, §8)	337.3	Ministry of Finance and Prices
Regional development aid programmes	Financial assistance programmes and projects for regional development (Turquino Manatí Development Plan for mountain areas) (Annex 2, §13)	531.6	Ministry of Finance and Prices
Structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aid	Payments made to improve rural structures and for the purchase of equipment, machinery, etc. (Annex 2, §11)	872.4	Ministry of Finance and Prices

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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"







#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Philippines**

#### REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar years 2002, 2003, 2004

 ${\it Measures\ exempt\ from\ the\ reduction\ commitment-Special\ and\ Differential\ Treatment-"Development\ Programs"}$ 

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2	Monetary va	alue of measure question ('000 Pesos)	e in year in	Data sources
1	2		3		4
		2002	2003	2004	
Investment subsidies generally available to the agriculture sector	Soft-loans and Grants for Agricultural Investment. These involve the provision of loans and grants for irrigation and other farm infrastructure support, farm equipment, post-harvest facilities, research and development, training and extension activities	1,800,484	1,399,239	1,374,066	Department of Agriculture
Input subsidies generally available to low-income resource-poor producers	<u>Provision of access to farm inputs</u> . This measure provides low-income resource-poor producers the opportunity to have easier access to good quality inputs such as seeds, planting materials, fertilizers and animal stocks in order to improve farm productivity	1,160,035	1,473,435	1,490,957	Department of Agriculture
Funds for agricultural investment	<u>Investment credit and grants</u> . Government funds directed to improve rural structure, acquisition of machines, equipment and post-harvest facilities.	5,339	7,565	1,235	Department of Agriculture





Supporting Table DS:3

#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

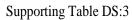
#### REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.

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"







#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Norway**

#### **REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2004

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 NOK)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
) Payments based on fixed area and yields			
Fixed area support	Acreage and Cultural Landscape Scheme (Art. 6:5 (a)(i))	3,003.1	A
) Payments made on 85 per cent or less of the base level of	of production		
Fixed yield support	Structural Income Support to Dairy Farmers (Art. 6:5 (a)(ii))	1,175.3	A
Regional Deficiency Payment to Milk Production	Support to Milk Production (Art. 6:5 (a)(ii))	421.3	A
Regional Deficiency Payment to Meat Production		539.7	A
Livestock payments made on a fixed number of head			
Headage support	Headage support, animals (Art. 6:5 (a)(iii))	2,294.8	A
otal "Exempt Direct Payments"		7,434.1	



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	Product-specific AMS (from	Product-specific measurements	Current Total AMS (aggregate)
products (including non-	Supporting Tables DS:5 to	of support (from Supporting	
product specific AMS)	DS:7 below)	Table DS:8 below)	
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-productspecific AMS (from Supporting Table DS:9 below)

TOTAL: Current Total AMS



# **AMS Calculation**

#### Article 1:

"... calculated in accordance with the provisions of Annex 3 of this Agreement and taking into account the constituent data and methodology used in the tables of supporting material incorporated by reference in Part IV of the Member's Schedule"

#### Annex 3:

- budgetary outlays, including revenue foregone
- support at national and sub-national level
- for each basic agricultural product, AMS to be calculated as close as practicable to the point of first sale
- including support to processors that benefit producers of the basic product
- producer levies and fees to be deducted



# Total AMS is the sum of:

- All product-specific AMS
- Market price support
- Non-exempt direct payments
- Other non-exempt measures
- All product-specific EMS
- Market price support
- Non-exempt direct payments
- Other non-exempt measures
- Non-product-specific AMS

#### **Current Total AMS:**

if the value of product-specific support or non-product-specific support does not exceed *de minimis* – no need to include it (Article 6.4)



# Sample de minimis calculation



#### **Product-specific support**

#### <u>Maize</u>

Intervention price for maize

Fixed external reference price (AGST)

Eligible production of maize

Total value of maize production

Maize AMS (AMS 1)

De minimis threshold (5% of VOP)

\$ 150/t

\$ 100/t

1 million t

\$ 200 million

\$ 50 million

\$ 10 million



# Sample de minimis calculation (cont'd)

#### Non-product specific support

Generally available interest rate subsidy

Value of total agricultural production

Non-product-specific AMS (AMS 2)

De minimis threshold (5% of total VOP)

\$ 20 million

\$ 860 million

 $$20 \text{ million} \rightarrow 0$ 

\$ 43 million

CURRENT TOTAL AMS (only AMS 1) \$ 50 million



#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Jordan**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2004** 





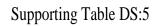
Description of basic products (including non-product-specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)	Current Total AMS (aggregate)
	(JD)		(JD)
1	2	3	4
Wheat	262,112.4 *		262,112.4
Barley	8,184 (de minir iis)**		0
Lentils	0		0
Chick peas	0		0
Livestock	22,600,686 (de mini <mark>n</mark> is)***		0
Non-product-specific AMS (from Supporting Table DS:9)	1,788,439 (de min mis)****		0
Current Total AMS			262,112.4

<sup>\*</sup> The total value of wheat production in 2004 was JD 2.516 million (source of information is Department of Statistics).

\*\* The total value of agricultural production in 2004 was JD 693.7 million (source of information is Department of Statistics). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, this falls below the *de minimis* level thus need not be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The total value of barley production was JD 2.545 million (source of information is Department of Statistics). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, this falls below the *de minimis* level thus need not be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The total value of livestock production in 2004 was JD 428.3 million (source of information is Department of Statistics). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, this falls below the *de minimis* level thus need not be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.





#### **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



# ST/DS:5 Market price support: Data and methodology



- gap between a fixed external reference price and the applied administered price
- ... multiplied by the quantity of production eligible to receive the applied administered price
- budgetary payments to maintain this gap (e.g. buying-in or storage costs) shall not be included
- fixed external reference price based on the years 1986-1988:
  - average f.o.b. unit value for the basic agricultural product concerned in net exporting country



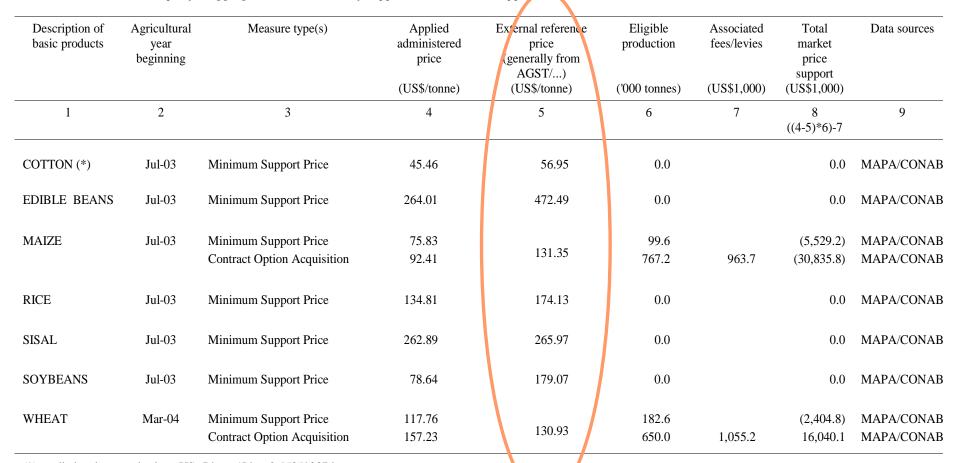
 average c.i.f. unit value for the basic agricultural product concerned in a net importing country

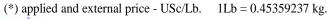
#### Supporting Table DS:5

#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Brazil**

#### REPORTING PERIOD: Agricultural year 2003/2004

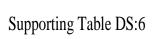
Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support







#### From AGST/BRA





#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.

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

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



# ST/DS:6 Non-exempt direct payments. Data and methodology

- price gap calculation or
- ... budgetary outlays

#### **Examples:**

- US: marketing loan program (cotton, corn, rice, soybeans, rice, wheat)
- EC: production aid (various products, e.g. tomatoes for processing); direct aid (bananas)
- Japan: deficiency payments (beef and veal)
- Barbados: lump sum payment to sugar cane growers
- Korea: deficiency payments (beef)
- Colombia: direct support for producers (coffee, milk, cotton)



#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Australia**



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

Description of basic product	Fiscal 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  (\$A million)	Associate fees/levi		Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4-5)*6	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
Wheat	1 July 2007	(a)					0.91		0.91	DITRDLG
Sugar	1 July 2007	(b)					2.40		2.40	DAFF
Cattle	1 July 2007	(c)					0.06		0.06	NT DRDPIFR

<sup>(</sup>a) Direct payment to compensate for shipping and freight costs incurred on domestic sales of wheat to Tasmania.

*De minimis* value is \$258.15 million (5% of total value of production for a commodity). 2007/08 GVP Wheat Production - \$A5,163 million (ABARE Australian Commodities, December quarter 2008). This report is available at http://www.abare.gov.au/publications\_html/ac/ac\_08/ac08\_Dec.pdf (page 139)

*De minimis* value is \$44.25 million (5% of total value of production for a commodity). 2007/08 GVP Sugar Production – \$A885 million (ABARE Australian Commodities, December quarter 2008). This report is available at http://www.abare.gov.au/publications\_html/ac/ac\_08/ac08\_Dec.pdf (page 139)

De minimis value is \$379.55 million (5% of total value of production for a commodity). 2007/08 GVP Cattle Production-\$A7, 591 million (ABARE Australian Commodities, December quarter 2008). This report is available at http://www.abare.gov.au/publications\_html/ac/ac\_08/ac08\_Dec.pdf (page 140)



<sup>(</sup>b) Direct payment to assist producers in the sugar industry to undertake operational restructuring.

<sup>(</sup>c) Direct payment to compensate for freight costs incurred by cattle producers in the Northern Territory experiencing severe drought.

Supporting Table DS:7



#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

 $\label{lem:reporting period} \textbf{REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.}$ 

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	8	9	10	11
		J	·	J	0	(4+5-6)	Ü	,	(7+8+9)	



# ST/DS:7 Other non-exempt measures: Data and methodology

- including input subsidies, marketing-cost reduction measures, etc.
- use budgetary outlays or,
- where the use of budgetary outlays does not reflect the full extent of the subsidy, calculate the gap between the price of the subsidized good or service and a representative market price multiplied by the quantity of the good or service

#### **Examples:**

- Canada: spring credit advance program (potatoes, tobacco, corn, wheat and durum, barley)
- Norway: transport subsidy (pork, sheep, eggs)
- Mexico: freight, storage and price coverage (maize, wheat, sorghum)
- Oman: government feed sales (livestock)



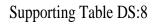
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#### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Australia

#### REPORTING PERIOD: 2007/08 fiscal year (1 July – 30 June)

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

Description of basic product	Fiscal year beginning	Measurement 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
				(\$A million)	(\$A million)	(\$A million)		(\$A million)	(\$A million)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Milk	1 July 2007 1 July 2007	Dairy Structural Adjustment Program Support is provided to producers to assist adjustment to deregulation of the industry. The payments are funded by an 11 cents per litre levy on retail sales of milk. Dairy Supplementary Assistance To assist producers who have been severely affected by deregulation. The payments are funded by an 11 cents per litre levy on retail sales of		203.17 3.57		(4+5-6)				DAFF DAFF
Wheat	1 July 2007	milk.						0.91	0.91	DITRDLG
Sugar	1 July 2007							2.40	2.40	DAFF
Carrie	1 July 2007							0.06	0.06	NT DRDPIFR





#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

 $\label{lem:reconstruction} \textbf{REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.}$ 

Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support

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



# ST/DS:8 Product-specific Equivalent Measurement of Support (EMS): Data and methodology

- where there is market price support, but its calculation is not practicable
- use the applied administered price and the quantity of production eligible to receive that price, or
- where this is not practicable, use budgetary outlays used to maintain the producer price
- for non-exempt direct payments and other non-exempt measures, use calculations as for the corresponding AMS components (i.e. relevant paragraphs in Annex 3)

#### **Examples:**

- EC: price support (various products, e.g. apples, table grapes, plums, lemons, tomatoes); production aid (seed for sowing); hectare aid (hops)
- WTO OMC
- Norway: regional deficiency payment (fruit, berries and vegetables)

#### Supporting Table DS:8

#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Argentina**

**REPORTING PERIOD: 2003-2004** 

Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support



Description of basic products	Calendar/marketing year beginning	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price  (1992 pesos/kg.)	Production eligible to receive the applied administered price (tonnes)	Market price support budgetary outlays	Equivalent measurement of support (include calculation details) (1992 pesos)	Non- exempt direct payments	Other product- specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment	Data source
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 (7+8+9-10)	12
Tobacco	1 December 2003 to 30 November 2004	Payment per unit	0.48	157,290	75,942,675	75,942,675	-	-	-	75,942,675	Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food/Annual reports of the Programa de Reconversión de Áreas Tabacaleras, PRAT (Conversion programme for tobacco-growing areas)



# ST/DS: 9 Non-Product-Specific AMS



### Format:

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

Support which is non-product-specific support should be totalled





#### Supporting Table DS:9

#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Israel**

#### REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2004

#### Non-Product-Specific AMS

Measure type(s)	Calendar year beginning 1.1.2004	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays '000 US\$	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)	
Investment Aids:						
Law for the Encouragement of Investment in Agriculture		649			649	BB-MOA
Water supplier support		495			495	
Total					1,144	

BB-MOA = Budget Book of the Ministry of Agriculture



# Data needs?

#### Table DS:1

- ✓ Total AMS commitment level (from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)
- ✓ Current Total AMS (from Supporting Tables)

#### ST/DS:1 to ST/DS:3

- ✓ Type, name, and description of measure(s) with reference to criteria
- ✓ Monetary value
- ✓ Data sources

#### ST/DS:4 to ST/DS:9

- ✓ Product-specific support:
  - ✓ Basic products
  - ✓ If not on calendar year basis, marketing/fiscal year beginning...
  - ✓ Applied administered price
  - ✓ External reference price (generally from AGST/...)
  - ✓ Eligible production
  - ✓ Associated fees/levies
  - ✓ Budgetary outlays for non-exempt direct payments based on factors other than price
  - ✓ Other product-specific support
- ✓ Non-product-specific support
- ✓ Data sources



# Table DS: 2

#### Who?

**All Members** introducing a new support measure, or making modifications to an existing measure, for which an exemption from reduction commitment is claimed under one or more of the following categories: Annex 2, Article 6.2, Article 6.5

#### When?

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

#### Data needs?

- ✓ Title, domestic legislation reference, and detailed description of measure with reference to criteria in: Annex 2, Article 6.2, Article 6.5
- ✓ Cost, date of entry
- ✓ Date of entry into effect and period of application
- ✓ Title, domestic legislation reference, and detailed description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2, cost, products to principally benefit (if any)



Thirty Members submitted Table DS: 2 notifications

#### Format: Table DS:2

#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member



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

- (1) Full title of measure:
- (2) Domestic legislation reference:
- (3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:

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"; and/or

Article 6:3: 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"; **and/or** 

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".

- (4) Cost of measure:
- (5) Date of entry into effect:
- (6) Period of application:
- (7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):



#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: South Africa**

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

- (1) Full title of measure: National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP)
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Targeting of schools for school feeding as informed by the norms and standards for funding of public schools, General notice 2362 of 12 October 1998. Access to quality food as enshrined in the Constitution of Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act 108 of 1996).
- (3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

The National School Nutrition Programme of the Department of Education conforms to the Green Box in Annex 2, paragraph 4, of the Agreement on Agriculture. It provides daily meals to learners in public primary schools with the key objectives of enhancing the learning capacity of learners from poorest communities, to strengthen food production initiatives in schools, and to promote healthy life style through nutrition education. The purpose of the programme is to provide school feeding and promote sustainable food production as well as school nutrition. The learners that have access to the school nutrition programme are mainly from schools in rural, farm or informal settlements. Most of those benefiting are in grade one to four.

The programme is funded on a conditional grant allocated to provinces according to the Division of Revenue Act (DORA) as well as directives from the Department of Education and National Treasury.

Different provinces use different procurement models. However, food is procured at prevailing market prices.

- (4) Cost of measure: The programme had been allocated an annual average of R1,168,956 and has spent an average of R1,032,297 annually for the period of 2004–2008.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** The programme was introduced in 1994 and implemented by the Department of Health. It was transferred to the Department of Education in 2004.
- (6) **Period of application:** The programme commenced in 1994 and was implemented by the Department of Health. The National School Nutrition Programme for the Department of Education commenced on 1 April 2004 and the Programme continues to date.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):** Learners in primary schools from poorest communities benefit from the NSNP through school feeding (i.e. they receive daily meals).

