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AOA Articles (Domestic support)

- Article 6:
Domestic Support Commitments
- Article 7:
General Disciplines on Domestic Support
- Article 18.2
Submission of Domestic Support Notifications

AOA ANNEXES (Domestic Support)

- ANNEX 2:
The Basis For Exemption From Reduction Commitments.
- ANNEX 3:
Calculation of AMS.
- ANNEX 4:
Calculation Of EMS.

Domestic Support Tables

- **Table DS 1:** Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support
- **Supporting Table DS:1** Measures exempt from the reduction commitment – "Green Box".
- **Supporting Table DS:2** Special & Differential Treatment Measure.
- **Supporting Table DS:3** Blue Box (Article 6.5)
- **Supporting Table DS:4** Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support.

- **Supporting Table DS:5** Product-Specific Aggregate Measurement of Support: Market Price Support
- **Supporting Table DS:6** Non-Exempt Direct Payments.
- **Supporting Table DS:7** Product-Specific Aggregate Measurement of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS.
- **Supporting Table DS:8** For product Specific Equivalent Measurement of Support (EMS)
- **Supporting Table DS:9** Non-Product-Specific Support.

DOMESTIC SUPPORT

PAKISTAN'S EXPERIANCE

Problems Experienced in the Preparation & Submission of DS- Notifications

- Absence of dedicated agriculture notification desks at federal and provincial level.
- If there is a desk then Simultaneous functions (agriculture policy & research, SPS NNA and Enquiry point)
- Non availability of properly trained technical staff & shortage of human resources.
- Procedural matters involving various authorities and decentralization of tasks.

Problems Experienced in the Preparation & Submission of DS- Notifications

- Administrative changes in agriculture departments.
- Shared jurisdiction of agriculture at national & provincial level.
- Comprehensive data requirements
- Delay in the publication of official statistics
- Insufficient & inadequate timeframes provided for submission of notifications- time lag because of different financial years followed by different countries

Solution-3D APPROACH

➤ **Dedicated staff with clear responsibility:**

- Setting up Specific “WTO UNITS” at National (MinFA, MOC, MOI&P, PARC) & Provincial Agriculture and Planning Departments etc.
- Recruitment Of Best Available Technical Staff.

➤ **Delegation – Focal points in the Provinces**

- Enhanced Coordination With The Federal And Provincial Government Agencies In Charge Of Data Collection through WTO UNITS (WAPDA, PASSCO, FBS, NFC, planning commission, TDAP, customs , provincial agriculture extension and marketing services etc).
- Creation Of Informal Coordination System With The Relevant Agencies.

➤ **Due diligence-** standard operating procedures, data varification

- Timely Dissemination Of Reference Material, On-job Training And Regular Follow Ups.

CLEAR APPROACH

- **C**ommitment to the multilateral system
- **L**eadership translated this commitment to rest of the government machinery
- **E**fficiency to promote excellence and transparency
- **A**cknowledgment of capacity gaps and recognition of good work
- **R**eward by combining institutional development objectives with personal growth

PRISM

- **P** Principle of transparency must be upheld-emphasize the importance of timely notifications
- **R** Responsibility of the members to fulfil obligations
- **I** Improved information flow and Identification Of Specific Needs Of The Developing Countries Regarding Notification Obligations
- **S** Strengthen Support System through technical assistance, advisory role of WTO, capacity building programs for developing and least developed countries through ITTC , AGCD etc. to meet Specific Identified Needs.
- **M**obilization of resources to implement members suggestions

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