

WORKING DOCUMENT No. 7

DE MINIMIS

Reductions

1. The *de minimis* amounts referred to in Article 6.4(a) of the Agreement on Agriculture for developed country Members (i.e. five per cent of a Member's total value of production of a basic agricultural product in the case of product-specific *de minimis* and five per cent of the value of a Member's total agricultural production in the case of non-product-specific *de minimis*)¹ shall be specified in Members' Schedules in monetary terms² and reduced by at least [50] [60] per cent [effective from the beginning of the implementation period] [through five equal annual instalments].

Special and Differential Treatment

2. For developing country Members with AMS commitments, the *de minimis* amounts referred to in Article 6.4(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture (i.e. ten per cent of a Member's total value of production of a basic agricultural product in the case of product-specific *de minimis* and ten per cent of the value of a Member's total agricultural production in the case of non-product-specific *de minimis*)³ to which they have access under their existing WTO obligations shall be specified in Members' Schedules in monetary terms⁴ and reduced by at least two-thirds of the reduction rate for developed country Members and with an implementation period that is three years longer.

3. Developing country Members with no AMS commitments; or with AMS commitments, but that either allocate almost all that support for subsistence and resource-poor farmers; or which are NFIDCs listed in document G/AG/5/Rev.8; shall continue to have the same access as under their existing WTO obligations to the limits provided for product-specific and non-product-specific *de minimis* in Article 6.4(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture and shall not be obliged to specify these in monetary terms in their Schedules.

4. Saudi Arabia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Vietnam, as very recently-acceded Members shall not be required to undertake reductions in *de minimis*. Small low-income, recently-acceded Members with economies in transition⁵ shall not be required to make cuts in *de minimis*. For other RAMs with AMS commitments and which have existing *de minimis* levels of five per cent, this shall be specified in those Members' Schedules in monetary terms and reduced by at least one-third of the reduction rate specified in paragraph 1 with an implementation period that is five years longer.

¹ Where a Member makes use of the additional flexibilities under paragraphs 12 and 13 of working document 6 to obtain product-specific AMS entitlements that it would not otherwise secure through the general base period, the corresponding product-specific *de minimis* entitlement that would otherwise have accrued to that Member through the general base period shall be deducted from that *de minimis* base for reduction commitments, thereby avoiding double counting.

² The base period shall be 1995-2000.

³ Where a Member makes use of the additional flexibilities under paragraphs 12 and 13 above to obtain product-specific AMS entitlements that it would not otherwise secure through the general base period, the corresponding product-specific *de minimis* entitlement that would otherwise have accrued to that Member through the general base period shall be deducted from that *de minimis* base for reduction commitments, thereby avoiding double counting.

⁴ The base period shall be 1995-2000.

⁵ This shall be applicable to Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic and Moldova.