



Table NF:1 Notification under Article 16:2 of the Agreement: Monitoring of the Follow-up to the Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and net Food-Importing Developing Countries

NOTIFICATION FORMATS

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WHAT TO NOTIFY?

- ▶ **The prefix “NF” is used to distinguish the notification formats or “tables” that apply in respect of actions taken within the framework of the “Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries”(NFIDC Decision).**

In respect of actions within the framework of the NFIDC Decision, there is only one distinct notification requirement, i.e.

- **Table NF:1:** relating to the actions under the monitoring of the follow-up to the NFIDC Decision under Article 16.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

RELEVANT REFERENCES

General

- Datasets on notified information, available at http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/transparency_toolkit_e.htm
- List of notifications issued since 1995, available at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/ag_list_notif_e.xls.
- Agricultural web page, available at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/ag_work_e.htm
- Results of the Survey on the Improvement of Timeliness and Completeness of Notifications under Existing Procedures (G/AG/GEN/85)
- Annex 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Product Coverage)

Monitoring of the Follow-Up to the Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries

- Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries (NFIDC Decision)
- Article 16 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries)
- List of NFIDCs (G/AG/3 and G/AG/5/Rev.8)
- Background notes by the Secretariat in the series G/AG/W/42
- Contributions¹ of International Observer Organizations to the Annual Monitoring Exercise.
- Compendium of Documents on Implementation-Related Issues, Note² by the Secretariat

¹ Issued as a G/AG/GEN/ series document. Latest such document is contained in G/AG/GEN/90.

² Issued as a G/AG/W/70/ series document.



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WHO?

- All Members which are food aid donors or donors of technical and financial assistance.



WHEN?

- An annual notification no later than 60 days following the relevant period.

WHAT TO NOTIFY?

- Details with regard to food aid (quantity and concessionality) to least-developed and net food-importing developing countries as well as technical and financial assistance under paragraph 3(iii) of the NFIDC Decision.
- Any other relevant information with respect of actions taken within the framework of the NFIDC Decision may also be included in the notification. **This information could be included either under heading 4 of the annual Table NF:1 notification or separately under an *ad hoc* Table NF:1 notification.**

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MONITORING OF THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE DECISION ON
MEASURES CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF
THE REFORM PROGRAMME ON LEAST-DEVELOPED AND NET
FOOD-IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: name of Member**

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.

(1) Quantity of food aid provided to least-developed and net food-importing developing countries:

(2) Indication of the proportion in fully grant form or appropriate concessional terms:

(3) Technical and financial assistance under paragraph 3(iii) of the Decision:

(4) Other relevant information with respect to actions taken within the framework of the Decision:



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HOW TO NOTIFY?

► Case 1

- ALFA provided food aid to some least-developed and net food-importing developing countries during the calendar year 2009.
- ALFA also provided technical and financial assistance to this group of countries so as to enable them to improve agricultural infrastructure.
- ALFA also runs a scholarship programme under which 50 students from least-developed countries in Africa are selected annually to study in ALFA's National Agriculture University for a two-year Masters programme. This measure intends to contribute towards strengthening the human infrastructure in the beneficiary countries; an amount of \$120,000 was spent in the year 2009.
- How should the information be presented in its Table NF:1 notification?



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Case 1
e.g. G/AG/N/JPN/145,
G/AG/N/NZL/60

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REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2009

(1) Quantity of food aid provided to least-developed and net food-importing developing countries:

Product	Quantity of food aid to least-developed country Members	Quantity of food aid to net food-importing developing country Members (G/AG/5/Rev.8)
Wheat	6,000 t	2,000 t
Skim milk powder	1,500 t	64 t

(2) Indication of the proportion in fully grant form or appropriate concessional terms:

All the wheat listed under (1). above, was provided in fully grant form. 80% of the skim milk powder provided as food aid was in grant form.

(3) Technical and financial assistance under paragraph 3(iii) of the Decision:

The goal of the provision of technical and financial assistance by ALFA is to assist in the improvement of agricultural productivity and the infrastructure in least-developed and net food-importing developing countries. In the year 2009, in total, financial assistance amounting to \$130 million was provided to beneficiaries of the Decision. Of this total amount, \$76 million went to least-developed country Members and the rest was provided to net food-importing developing country Members (please see Attachment A).

(4) Other relevant information with respect to actions taken within the framework of the Decision:

ALFA provided scholarships to 50 students of least-developed countries to study in ALFA's National Agriculture University for a two-year Masters programme. The objective is to provide them with skills which can be used to increase agricultural productivity in their home countries. It is estimated that these scholarships costed around \$120 000 in the year 2009. The measure intends to contribute towards strengthening human infrastructure in the beneficiary countries.

Information under item 4 may also be notified on an *ad hoc* basis.

Attachment 1

Recipient Country	Actual Amount (\$ million)
Burkina Faso	19
Eritrea	15
Haiti	40
Nepal	2
Nicaragua	32
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	22
Total	130