

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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SUBSIDIES

Notifications Pursuant to Article XVI:1

1. In accordance with the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the twentieth session (BISD, Eleventh Supplement, page 58), every contracting party should submit every third year, new and full responses to the questionnaire on subsidies (BISD, Ninth Supplement, pages 193-194 - reproduced in the annex to this document). New and complete notifications should be submitted in January 1993. Subsequent notifications for 1994 and 1995 will cover changes to the basic notifications for 1993.
2. Recommendations of the Panel on Subsidies, adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 24 May 1960 (BISD, Ninth Supplement, pages 188-194) contain, inter alia, some guidelines on how to respond to the questionnaire on subsidies and on subsidies notifiable under Article XVI.
3. Any contracting party which considers that there are no measures or schemes in its country requiring notification under Article XVI:1 should so inform the Director-General in writing.
4. Responses to the request will be issued as addenda to this document.

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ANNEX

Notification of Subsidies

Reports should be made in writing for individual commodities and under the headings listed below. A suggestion of the type of information which might be included under each heading is shown within brackets:

I. Nature and extent of the subsidy

- (a) Background and authority
(The reason for the subsidy and the legislation under which it is granted)
- (b) Incidence
(Whether paid to producers, to exporters, or in some other way; whether a fixed amount per unit, or fluctuating; if the latter, how determined)
- (c) Amount of subsidy
(Total cost estimated or budgeted or, when this is not feasible, cost in preceding year)
- (d) Estimated amount per unit.

II. Effect of subsidy

- (a) Estimated quantitative trade effects of the subsidy; and the reason why it is considered that the subsidy will have these effects.
- (b) Statistics of production, consumption, imports and exports:
 - (i) for the three most recent years for which statistics are available;
 - (ii) for a previous representative year, which, where possible and meaningful, should be the latest period preceding the introduction of the subsidy or preceding the last major change in the subsidy.