A brief look at the work of the CoA

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**Political Dimension:** AoA was a significant political moment in the history of the MTS; agricultural trade brought fully within multilateral trade rules for the first time since the inception of the GATT in 1948
- The CoA mandated to monitor the implementation of the AoA naturally imbibed that political dimension

**Implementation Dimension:** Novelty and technical complexity of agricultural commitments:
- Thousands of numerical ‘annual’ commitments on subsidies (domestic and export) and TRQs in 1995;
- 1,371 TRQs; 428 Export subsidy (quantity and value) commitments; 28 ‘Total AMS’ numerical ceilings
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NOTIFICATIONS

5508 notifications
(since 1995)

Q&A (REVIEW PROCESS)

7,713 questions
(since 1995)

Number of questions on individual notifs and Number of questions Art. 18.6
Agriculture Information Management System (AG-IMS)

On-line platform to facilitate Members’ participation at the CoA:

- **On-line submission of Notifications** (secure login-enabled platform with in-built calculation features, extraction of information from Members’ Schedules)
- **On-line submission of Q&A** (secure login-enabled platform with numerous inbuilt features like co-sponsoring, tracking of questions and answers)

Grand leap towards transparency: Public access to:

- Questions and Answers (Q&A) raised in the CoA since 1995
- All agriculture Notifications
- Reports on notified data (e.g., DS profiles, TRQ fill-rates)
- Members’ transparency compliance levels

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