Handbook on Notification Requirements
Under the Agreement on Agriculture

This document has been prepared under the Secretariat’s own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights or obligations under the WTO. Some real examples of notifications are referred to in the Handbook. These are referenced only for illustrative purposes without any judgement on the quality or content of the notifications.
Why are detailed notification requirements and formats used in the context of the Agreement on Agriculture?

Why does the Committee on Agriculture need them?

This stems from the Committee’s overseeing functions, as laid out in Article 18 of the Agreement on Agriculture and the terms of reference contained in the Decision by the General Council on 31 January 1995.

**Article 18 of the Agreement on Agriculture**

**Review of the Implementation of Commitments**

1. Progress in the implementation of commitments negotiated under the Uruguay Round reform programme shall be reviewed by the Committee on Agriculture.

2. The review process shall be undertaken on the basis of notifications submitted by Members in relation to such matters and at such intervals as shall be determined, as well as on the basis of such documentation as the Secretariat may be requested to prepare in order to facilitate the review process.

3. In addition to the notifications to be submitted under paragraph 2, any new domestic support measure, or modification of an existing measure, for which exemption from reduction is claimed shall be notified promptly. This notification shall contain details of the new or modified measure and its conformity with the agreed criteria as set out either in Article 6 or in Annex 2.

4. In the review process Members shall give due consideration to the influence of excessive rates of inflation on the ability of any Member to abide by its domestic support commitments.

5. Members agree to consult annually in the Committee on Agriculture with respect to their participation in the normal growth of world trade in agricultural products within the framework of the commitments on export subsidies under this Agreement.

6. The review process shall provide an opportunity for Members to raise any matter relevant to the implementation of commitments under the reform programme as set out in this Agreement.

7. Any Member may bring to the attention of the Committee on Agriculture any measure, which it considers ought to have been notified by another Member.

Terms of Reference of the Committee on Agriculture - WT/L/43

“The Committee shall oversee the implementation of the Agreement on Agriculture. The Committee shall afford members the opportunity of consulting on any matter relating to the implementation of the provisions of the Agreement.”

In carrying out its monitoring functions, the Committee therefore reviews Members’ implementation of the results of the Uruguay Round. The scheduled and rule-based commitments are reviewed on the basis of Members’ notifications. To strengthen the effectiveness of the Review Process undertaken by the Committee on Agriculture, Members recognize the need to improve the timeliness and completeness of notifications in accordance with the adopted procedures and formats.

This Handbook has been prepared by the Secretariat in response to such needs. It is hoped that the Handbook also becomes a useful working tool to assist Members in preparing notifications in the area of agriculture.

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The submission procedure is contained in WT/INF/124.

All notifications are to be submitted to the Central Registry of Notifications (CRN).

Notifications may be submitted to the CRN Administrator on paper, by fax or electronically. Once they have been registered in the CRN database, they are forwarded to the relevant operational divisions within the Secretariat for action.

In the case of agriculture, they are sent to the Agriculture and Commodities Division (AGCD) for preparation, follow-up action with the concerned delegation as may be required, and final circulation as official, unrestricted WTO documents, in English, French and Spanish to all WTO Members.

Members’ compliance with their notification obligations in the field of agriculture is reviewed regularly in the Committee on Agriculture as well as in the Council for Trade in Goods in a higher level monitoring and surveillance context. In addition, the CRN reminds Members about their unfulfilled notification requirements on a semi-annual basis. The CRN also informs delegations annually of the regular notification obligations to which they will be expected to respond in the course of the following year.

These processes are briefly described below.

**Committee on Agriculture (CoA)**

The status of Members’ compliance with notification obligations is considered by the CoA at each of its meetings under a standing agenda item. The Secretariat prepares a document showing Members’ status of compliance with their regular notification obligations so as to facilitate this exercise. This document is readily accessible to the public from the WTO website.

**Council for Trade in Goods (CTG)**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Working Group on Notification Obligations and Procedures, the CTG maintains a listing of notification obligations and the compliance therewith, under all multilateral agreements dealing with trade in goods as included in Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement. This listing is updated and circulated to all Members on an annual basis.

**Central Registry of Notifications (CRN)**

The Marrakesh Decision on Notification Procedures provides that the CRN shall remind Members about their unfulfilled notification requirements in respect of all multilateral agreements on a semi-annual basis. The CRN is also mandated to inform the Members annually of the regular notification obligations to which they will be expected to respond in the course of the following year.

Accordingly, the CRN:

- sends out the “reminders of unfulfilled notification requirements” to all Members on a semi-annual basis after the relevant information from the concerned functional divisions of the Secretariat has been collected; and also
- informs the delegations annually of their regular notification obligations for the following year by sending out the “call for notifications”.

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1 As of October 2009, this document is regularly updated and circulated as an official and unrestricted document in the G/AG/GEN/86/ series.
2 See G/L/112.
3 These documents are circulated in the G/L/223/series.
SOURCE

In June 1995, the Committee on Agriculture adopted detailed notification requirements and formats, in order to facilitate the Review Process to be undertaken at each formal meeting. These are contained in documents G/AG/2 and G/AG/2/Add.1.

WHAT TO NOTIFY?

The scope of the notification requirements in the field of agriculture covers five distinct areas:

- Market access, in relation to:
  - tariff and other quotas; and
  - special safeguard actions;
- Domestic support, in relation to:
  - the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS); and
  - the introduction of new or modification of domestic support measures for which an exemption from reduction commitments is claimed;
- Export subsidies and anti-circumvention of export subsidy rules;
- Export prohibitions or restrictions; and
- Implementation of the Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries (NFIDCs).

WHO?

In many cases only a limited number of notification requirements will apply for a particular Member. This is because they largely depend on the specific commitments as set out in each Member’s Schedule, as well as on the actions that may be taken by that Member in any given implementation year.

WHEN?

Some notification requirements are periodic. They are to be regularly submitted to the Committee on Agriculture in line with the frequency and deadlines established in G/AG/2.

Some notification requirements are ad hoc. Notifications become due only where a specific measure is introduced, or about to be introduced.
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WHAT TO NOTIFY?

The prefix “MA” is used to distinguish the notification formats or “tables” that apply in the area of market access.

These formats belong to two broad categories, i.e.

- Tariff and other quotas (TRQs), as specified in Members’ Schedules:
  - Table MA:1 relating to tariff quota administration
  - Table MA:2 relating to the volume of imports under TRQ management
- Special Agricultural Safeguard (SSG), as specified in Members’ Schedules:
  - Table MA:3 relating to volume-based SSG actions
  - Table MA:4 relating to price-based SSG actions
  - Table MA:5 relating to annual summary of SSG actions

RELEVANT REFERENCES

General

- Agriculture gateway (www.wto.org --> trade topics --> agriculture)
- Agriculture Information Management System (http://agims.wto.org/):
  - List of Notifications since 1995
  - Compliance with notification obligations
  - Search and analyse notified information (data sets)
- Results of the Survey on the Improvement of Timeliness and Completeness of Notifications under Existing Procedures (G/AG/GEN/85)
- Improvement of the Submission of Notifications - Documentation Guide (G/AG/W/112 series)
- Annex 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Product Coverage)

Tariff and other quotas (TRQ)

- Members’ WTO Schedule1 (Part I, Section I-B (or I-A))
- Article 4 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Market Access)
- Annex 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Special Treatment with Respect to Paragraph 2 of Article 4)

Special Agricultural Safeguard (SSG)

- Members’ WTO Schedule (Part I, Section I-A)
- Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Special Safeguard Provisions).

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1 Members’ Consolidated Tariff Schedule (CTS) files are available through the Tariff Analysis Online facility http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tariffs_e/tao_help_e.htm.
## NOTIFICATION FORMAT

### WHO ?

Only Members having tariff and other quota commitments (TRQs) specified in their WTO Schedules of commitments are required to submit Table MA:1 notifications.

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### WHAT TO NOTIFY ?

- Comprehensive one-off notification to include description of tariff quota administration for all TRQs in the Schedule before these are opened for the first time.
- Ad hoc notification to include tariff quota administration only for those TRQs where changes in respect of their administration have been implemented.

### WHAT IF ?

- TRQs are incorporated subsequently to the establishment of initial Schedules (e.g. Chile, India, EU)?

A Table MA:1 notification would be required for all new scheduled TRQs before they are opened for the first time. Please refer to Case 4 below under Table MA:1.

### WHEN ?

- A comprehensive one-off notification is required first, in respect of all scheduled TRQs. The notification should be presented normally in advance of opening of the TRQ in question, but in any event no later than 30 days following it's opening.
- Where changes in administration methods are subsequently introduced, an ad hoc notification should be presented prior to those changes being implemented, but in any event no later than 30 days following the implementation of the changes.

### HOW TO NOTIFY ?

- **Case 1:**
  - ALFA is an original WTO Member whose Schedule has two TRQs (on butter and potatoes).
  - When should ALFA make a "one-off" Table MA:1 notification?

A comprehensive one-off Table MA:1 notification (in 1995) was required in respect of all scheduled TRQs before these are opened for the first time.
Table MA:1

MARKET ACCESS: name of Member

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.

Implementation of market access opportunities: tariff and other quota commitments

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<td>(a) allocation of quotas to supplying countries, including: (i) details of basis for determining the allocation (e.g. representative period or &quot;other terms and conditions&quot; as specified in Part I, Section I of Schedules); (ii) any limitation on the period of access;</td>
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<td>(b) allocation of licenses or of access to quotas to importers, including details of: (i) government agency, trading or administrative body competent to grant licenses or access to quotas, including those which have formally, or in effect, exclusive or special privileges; (ii) any limitations on eligibility of applicants; (iii) how licenses or access are to be allocated by the competent agency (e.g. first-come-first-served, pro rata); (iv) any limitations on the period of validity or use of the licenses granted;</td>
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<td>(c) details of other arrangements (not involving import licenses) under which access to quotas is to be administered;</td>
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<td>(d) any other information relevant to the implementation of market access opportunities under such arrangements.</td>
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### Market Access: Alfa

**Reporting Period:** Calendar year 1995

#### Implementation of Market Access Opportunities: Tariff and Other Quota Commitments

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**Product composition has to match the product composition in the Schedule. Otherwise, a suitable justification needs to be included for the difference between the two.**

| Potatoes                  | 0701.10.00, 0701.90.00 |                                                |

(a) **Allocation to supplying countries:**
(i) Global quota;
(ii) The tariff quota is open from 1 January to 31 December.

(b) **Allocation of licences to importers:**
(i) Allocations are made by the Department of Agriculture;
(ii) Any company or individual registered for tax purposes may apply for an import licence;
(iii) Licences are issued on a first-come first-served basis.
(iv) Licences are valid for four months from the date of issue.

(c) **Details of other arrangements (not involving import licences):** Not applicable.

(d) **Other relevant information:** Further information on the tariff quota allocation is published in the national gazette.

(a) **Allocation to supplying countries:**
(i) 200 t is allocated to Country X, 150 t to Country Y while the remainder is globally available;
(ii) The tariff quota is open from 1 January to 30 June.

(b) **Allocation of licences to importers:**
(i) Allocations are made by the Department of Agriculture;
(ii) Any company providing inputs for the agricultural sector may apply for a licence to import seed potatoes (0701.10.00). Table potatoes and potatoes for processing may be imported up to the available quantity;
(iii) Licences for seed potatoes are issued on a first-come first-served basis with a pro rata allocation should the request for licences exceed the tariff quota quantity;
(iv) Licences are valid for two months from the date of issue.

(c) **Details of other arrangements (not involving import licences):** Imports without a licence may take place up to the available limit for table potatoes and potatoes for processing.

(d) **Other relevant information:** Further information on the tariff quota allocation is published in the national gazette.
### Case 2:

- ALFA modifies tariff quota administration for **butter** for the implementation year 2007.
- When should ALFA submit a Table MA:1 notification?

**An ad hoc Table MA:1 notification would be required prior to those changes being implemented but in any event no later than 30 days following the change.**

In the *ad hoc* notification presented in Case 2 below, only the **butter** TRQ is included in the Table MA:1 notification in respect of which the changes in the tariff quota administration were made.

There are, however, some examples of notifications where *ad hoc* notifications include administration details in respect of all scheduled TRQs (and not only those where changes in their administration have been made) with relevant changes highlighted in the beginning (e.g. G/AG/N/CHE/13/Add. 10, G/AG/N/THA/45).

#### Table MA:1 Implementation of market access opportunities: tariff and other quota commitments

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#### MARKET ACCESS: Alfa

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year 2007

- **Allocation to supplying countries:**
  - (i) 1000 t is allocated to Country X, 750 t to Country Y while the remainder is globally available;
  - (ii) The tariff quota is open from 1 January to 31 December.
- **Allocation of licences to importers:**
  - (i) Allocations are made by the Department of External Trade in consultation with the Department of Agriculture;
  - (ii) Any company or individual registered for tax purposes may apply for an import licence;
  - (iii) Licences are issued on a first-come, first-served basis with a *pro rata* allocation should the request for licences exceed the tariff quota quantity;
  - (iv) Licences are valid for four months from the date of issue.
- **Details of other arrangements (not involving import licences):** Not applicable.
- **Other relevant information:** Further information on the tariff quota allocation is published in the national gazette.
Case 3

- As from calendar year 2008, ALFA decided to reduce the MFN out-of-quota tariff to 5% for butter, below the bound in-quota tariff (20%).

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<th>Imports (MT)</th>
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<td>Applied tariff 5%</td>
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- ALFA, therefore, decided not to open the TRQ on butter for the calendar year 2008.
- Would ALFA be required to make a Table MA:1 notification?

An ad hoc Table MA:1 notification would be required containing information on the non-operation of TRQ on butter. This may be included under entry (d) of column 3: “Other relevant information”.

WHAT IF?

- The MFN out-of-quota tariff for butter is raised, say to 25%, (which then exceeds the bound in-quota tariff of 20%) in the subsequent years and the TRQ for butter is, therefore, again opened.

An ad-hoc Table MA:1 notification would be required containing the administration arrangements for butter imports under the TRQ.
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**MARKET ACCESS:** Alfa  
**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year 2008

(a) Allocation to supplying countries: Not applicable.  
(b) Allocation of licences to importers: Not applicable  
(c) Details of other arrangements (not involving import licences): Not applicable.  
(d) Other relevant information: As from the calendar year 2008, the government decided to apply 5% tariff on all imports of butter which is below the bound in-quota tariff of 20%. It is considered unnecessary to open the tariff quota as long as a tariff below the bound in-quota tariff is in force.
Case 4:

- As one of the outcomes of the renegotiations, ALFA schedules an additional TRQ on barley.
- The tariff quota commitment on barley applies as from the calendar year 2009.
- When should ALFA make a Table MA:1 notification?

A Table MA:1 notification containing import arrangements for barley would be required prior to the opening of the barley TRQ but in any event no later than 30 days following its opening.

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<td>(i) Allocations are made by the Alfa Cereal Association.</td>
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<td>(ii) Licences are issued on a first-come, first-served basis.</td>
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<td>(iii) Quota allocations are valid for a calendar year; import permits are valid for 90 days.</td>
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<td>(c) <strong>Details of other arrangements (not involving import licences)</strong>: Not applicable.</td>
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<td>(d) <strong>Other relevant information</strong>: Further information is available on the website of the Alfa Cereal Association (<a href="http://www.cerealassociation.alfa">www.cerealassociation.alfa</a>).</td>
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Market Access

Table MA:2 Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments

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WHAT TO NOTIFY?

• Actual amount of imports against all scheduled TRQs.

It may also be noted that under paragraph 15 of the Committee on Agriculture’s Working Procedures (G/AG/1), information may be obtained during the course of an implementation year on the functioning of a specific TRQ, including the quantity of imports effected or authorized under that TRQ.

WHAT IF?

• TRQs are incorporated subsequently to the establishment of initial Schedules (e.g. Chile, India, EU)?

An annual Table MA:2 notification would be required in respect of all scheduled TRQs (i.e. in the initial Schedule as well as those subsequently incorporated therein).

• Some of the scheduled TRQs are not opened?

It should be stated in the Table MA:2 notification for the TRQs concerned along with an explanation. The scope of Table MA:2 notification includes all TRQs inscribed in the Schedule.

WHEN?

• 30 days following the year in question but, in any event, no later than 60 days following the year in question.

There are some examples where more than one annual Table MA:2 notifications are submitted (e.g. TRQs implemented on a calendar year basis are included in one Table MA:2 notification and the remaining ones implemented on a marketing year basis are covered in another annual Table MA:2 notification). Refer for example to:

• G/AG/N/EEC/45 and G/AG/N/EEC/48 or
• G/AG/N/CAN/21 and G/AG/N/CAN/23.

HOW TO NOTIFY?

Case 1:

• ALFA has two tariff quotas (on butter and potatoes) in its Schedule.

• Tariff quotas on both products were opened in the calendar year 2007.

• How should the information be presented in its Table MA:2 notification?
## Table MA:2 Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments

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**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments*

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MARKET ACCESS: Alfa

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2007

Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments

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<td></td>
<td>total</td>
<td>}</td>
<td>600</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Case 2:

- ALFA opens tariff quota only on potato.
- Tariff quota on butter was not opened in the calendar 2008 as the applied tariff (5%) was below the bound in-quota tariff (20%).

How should the information be presented in its Table MA:2 notification?
Table MA:2 Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments

**Example 1:**

When the data on imports of butter is not included in the table with a suitable justification for its non-inclusion.

<table>
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<th>Description of products</th>
<th>Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description</th>
<th>Tariff quota quantity for period in question (tonnes)</th>
<th>In-quota imports during period (tonnes)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Potatoes</td>
<td>0701.10.00</td>
<td>650</td>
<td>450</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>0701.90.00</td>
<td></td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>total</td>
<td></td>
<td>600</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note: Butter is not included, as from the year 2008, the government decided to apply 5% tariff on all imports of butter which is below the scheduled in-quota tariff of 20%. Tariff quota on butter is not opened in 2008.

**WHAT IF?**

Only a part of the scheduled product coverage is subject to tariff quota operation? Suppose the TRQ is opened only for potatoes in seed (0701.10.00) and not other potatoes (0701.90.00).

A suitable justification (for example, applied tariff for other potatoes is equal to or below the corresponding bound in-quota tariff) should be included, in such cases. Refer, for example, to footnote 2 to poultry TRQ in G/AG/N/CRI/25.
Table MA:2 | Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments

**Example 2:**

When butter is included in the table. Column 4 includes total imports of butter along with a clarificatory statement concerning the non-opening of the TRQ on butter.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Tariff quota quantity for period in question (tonnes)</th>
<th>In-quota imports during period (tonnes)</th>
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<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Butter(^1)</td>
<td>0405.00.00</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>720</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Potatoes</td>
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<td>450</td>
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<td>150</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>total</td>
<td>}</td>
<td>600</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^1\) From the year 2008, the government decided to apply a tariff of 5\% on all imports of butter, which is below the bound in-quota tariff of 20\%. Tariff quota on butter is, therefore, not opened. Column 4 includes total amount of butter imports in the year 2008.
GOOD TO KNOW! BALI DECISION

At the Bali Ministerial in December 2013 WTO Members adopted the Decision on an "Understanding on Tariff Rate Quota Administration Provision of Agricultural Products, as Defined in Article 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture". Members agreed in the decision that "Tariff quota "fill rates” shall be notified".

At the 75th meeting of the Committee on Agriculture in November 2014, the Chairperson advised Members to follow a modified Table MA:2 format, shown below, as a best practice to encourage consistent presentation of fill rates in their MA:2 notifications. The modified Table MA:2 format contains an extra fifth column where Members can provide the fill rates (in percentage) of the TRQ concerned resulting from the division of the in-quota imports (column 4) over the TRQ quantity for the period in question (column 3) and multiplying the result by 100 ((4/3)*100)).

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table MA:2</th>
<th>MARKET ACCESS: NAME OF MEMBER</th>
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<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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1 WT/MIN(13)/39, paragraph 6
2 G/AG/R/76, para. 2.16
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WHO?

Only among the following Members who have reserved the right in the Schedule to use the Special Safeguard Provisions.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Australia</th>
<th>Indonesia</th>
<th>Philippines</th>
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<tr>
<td>Barbados</td>
<td>Israel</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
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<td>Japan</td>
<td>Swaziland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Botswana</td>
<td>Korea</td>
<td>Switzerland-Liechtenstein</td>
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<tr>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

WHAT TO NOTIFY?

- Trigger level, period of application of safeguard action etc. along with calculations justifying the application of the volume-based safeguard measure.

A Table MA:3 is required for each product upon first use of a volume-based special safeguard action in any year.

WHEN?

- Before invoking a volume-based SSG action (as far as practicable), and in any event within 10 days of the implementation of such action.

HOW TO NOTIFY?

Case 1:

- BETA has the right in its Schedule to apply the SSG on three products: butter, seed potatoes and apples.
- BETA applies volume-based SSG on butter as from 20 September 2008.
- When and how should it make the Table MA:3 notification?

WHAT IF?

- The volume-based SSG is applied again by BETA in the year 2009 on the same product (butter)?
  Table MA:3 notification for butter would be required again for 2009 showing the relevant trigger volume calculations etc.
Table MA:3

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MARKET ACCESS: name of Member</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-based</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(1) Description of product:  

(2) Tariff item number:  

(3) Trigger level: tonnes  
(as calculated in Annex 1)  

(4) Volume of imports entering territory in current period: tonnes  

(5) Period of application:  
(calendar/marketing year or shorter period for perishable or seasonal products (specify))
SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: VOLUME-BASED: Annex 1 to MA:3

Information required for the calculation of the Trigger Level

Imports in the 3 preceding years:
- Year 1: tonnes
- Year 2: tonnes
- Year 3: tonnes
- Average: tonnes

And if import penetration is taken into account:

Consumption in the 3 preceding years:
- Year 1: tonnes
- Year 2: tonnes
- Year 3: tonnes
- Average: tonnes

Method of allocation of change in consumption to the tariff line concerned:
### Table MA:3 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-based

**MARKET ACCESS: BETA**

*Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-based*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(1) Description of product:</th>
<th>Butter</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(2) Tariff item number:</td>
<td>0405.00.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(3) Trigger level:</td>
<td>590 tonnes (as calculated in Annex 1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(4) Volume of imports entering territory in current period:</td>
<td>652 tonnes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(5) Period of application:</td>
<td>from 20 September 2008 to 31 December 2008 (calendar/marketing year or shorter period for perishable or seasonal products (specify))</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Case 1, Example 1**
(e.g. G/AG/N/JPN/152, G/AG/N/TPKM/53)

When domestic consumption data are available and are taken into account in the trigger calculations.

**When would BETA need to notify this measure?**

*Normally before 20 September but before 30 September 2008.*

**Why does BETA need to end the application of the measure on 31 December 2008?**

*Refer to Article 5.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture.*

Example 1:

When domestic consumption data are available and are taken into account in the trigger calculations.
SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: VOLUME-BASED: Annex 1 to MA:3

Information required for the calculation of the Trigger Level

Imports in the 3 preceding years:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Tonnes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>550</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>566</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>570</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average</td>
<td>562</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

And if import penetration is taken into account:

Consumption in the 3 preceding years:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Tonnes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>990</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>1010</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>1000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average</td>
<td>1000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Method of allocation of change in consumption to the tariff line concerned: not applicable

Calculation of trigger level (pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture):

\[
\text{Import penetration} = \frac{562}{1000} = 56\% \quad \text{(base trigger therefore equals 105\%)}
\]

\[
\text{Trigger level} = (x) + (y) = (105\% \times 562 \text{ tonnes}) + (1000 \text{ tonnes} - 1010 \text{ tonnes}) = 590 + (-10) \text{ tonnes} = 590 \text{ tonnes}
\]
### Example 2:
When domestic consumption data is either not available or not taken into account in the trigger calculations.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table MA:3</th>
<th>Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-based</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

(1) **Description of product:** Butter

(2) **Tariff item number:** 0405.00.00

(3) **Trigger level:**
   - (as calculated in Annex 1)
   - 703 tonnes

(4) **Volume of imports entering territory in current period:**
   - 710 tonnes

(5) **Period of application:**
   - from 20 November 2008 to 31 December 2008

Compared to example 1 above, the safeguard action commenced later. Action possible only when actual imports exceed the trigger level, which is higher in example 2. Refer to Article 5.1(a) of the Agreement on Agriculture.

Volume in entry 4 has to exceed the trigger volume in entry 3. Refer to Article 5.1(a) of the Agreement on Agriculture.
SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: VOLUME-BASED: Annex 1 to MA:3

Information required for the calculation of the Trigger Level

Imports in the 3 preceding years:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Tonnes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2005</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>566</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>570</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average</td>
<td>562</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

And if import penetration is not taken into account:

Calculation of trigger level (pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture):

\[
\text{Trigger level} = (x) + (y) \\
\text{= (125\% \times 562 \text{ tonnes})} \\
\text{= 703 \text{ tonnes}}
\]

Domestic consumption data, when used in the trigger calculations (as in Example 1 above) affects the trigger level by influencing the value of:
- the "x" component (by way of determining the "base trigger level") and
- the "y" component (which equals the absolute change in domestic consumption in the most recent year compared to the preceding year).

When domestic consumption data is not taken into account in the trigger calculations (as in this example):
- the "base trigger level" for the "x" component is fixed at 125%, and
- the "y" component is zero.

Refer to footnote 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture.
Table MA:4 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: price-based

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WHO?

Only among the following Members who have reserved the right in the Schedule to use the Special Safeguard provisions.

Members with no scheduled SSG rights are not allowed to invoke it and thus are not required to make Table MA:4 notification.

There is a possibility to make an up-front notification of trigger prices any time before the first invocation of a price-based SSG on relevant products.

If a Member decides to notify on a case-by-case basis in the form of ad hoc notifications, such notifications would be required only when a price-based SSG is actually invoked on a product and only upon its first invocation.

WHEN?

- Anytime before invoking a price-based SSG on a product for the first time in the form of an up-front notification;
- If no up-front notification for the product(s) concerned, an ad hoc notification as far as practicable before invoking a price-based SSG and in any event within 10 days of the implementation of such action.

WHAT TO NOTIFY?

- Trigger price for product(s) subject to a price-based SSG along with calculations to derive the trigger price and the source of price information.

HOW TO NOTIFY?

Case 1:

- BETA has the right in its Schedule to apply the Special safeguard provisions on three products: butter, seed potatoes and apples.
- BETA decides to notify trigger prices for two eligible products, for example, butter and seed potatoes through an up-front notification.
- When and how should it make this up-front Table MA:4 notification?

WHAT IF?

- The price-based SSG is applied on butter after the circulation of the above-mentioned up-front Table MA:4 notification?

  There would be no need to circulate a Table MA:4 notification. Trigger prices for a product are to be notified only once. The trigger prices being based on average import unit values during a fixed reference period (i.e. 1986-88) would not change once notified.

  However, there are examples of subsequent Table MA:4 notifications on the same product even when the relevant trigger price was already notified, e.g. G/AG/N/CRI/11 and G/AG/N/CRI/14.
Table MA:4

MARKET ACCESS: name of Member

Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: price-based

A: "UP-FRONT" NOTIFICATION OF TRIGGER PRICES

Where a Member provides an up-front notification of trigger prices the following format should be used:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tariff item number</th>
<th>Description of product</th>
<th>Trigger price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(as calculated in Annex 1)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

B: AD HOC NOTIFICATION

Where no up-front notification of the trigger prices is made, the following format should be used on the first use of the price-based special safeguard for any product:

(1) Description of product:

(2) Tariff item number:

(3) Trigger price:
   (as calculated in Annex 1)

(4) Date of application:
SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: PRICE-BASED: Annex 1 to Table MA:4

Information required for the calculation of the Trigger Price

Prices in the reference period:
- 1986:
- 1987:
- 1988:
- Average:

Source of price information:
### A: "UP-FRONT" NOTIFICATION OF TRIGGER PRICES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tariff item number</th>
<th>Description of product</th>
<th>Trigger price ($) (as calculated in Annex 1)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0405.00.00</td>
<td>Butter</td>
<td>1250</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0701.10.00</td>
<td>Seed potatoes</td>
<td>876</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Case 1**
(e.g. G/AG/N/PHL/27)

**MARKET ACCESS: BETA**

Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: price-based

When to make this up-front notification? Any time. But before the first time invocation of a price-based safeguard measure on these two products.
### SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: PRICE-BASED: Annex 1 to Table MA:4

**Information required for the calculation of the Trigger Price**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>0405.00.00</th>
<th>Butter</th>
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</thead>
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<tr>
<td>Prices in the reference period:</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>1986: 1000</td>
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<tr>
<td>1987: 1300</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1988: 1450</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average: 1250</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Source of price information: c.i.f. import values (Department of Statistics)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>0701.10.00</th>
<th>Seed potatoes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Prices in the reference period:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1986: 777</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1987: 1000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1988: 851</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average: 876</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Source of price information: c.i.f. import values (Department of Statistics)

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**Why is data on reference price for 1986-88 used?**

Refer to Article 5.1(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture
**Case 2:**

- In the year 2008, BETA decides to invoke price-based SSG on **apples**.
- The up-front Table MA:4 notification from BETA did **not** include **apples**.
- An ad hoc Table MA:4 would, therefore, need to be circulated by BETA containing the trigger price for **apples**.
- When should BETA make this ad hoc Table MA:4 notification?

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**Table MA:4**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MARKET ACCESS: BETA</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: price-based</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**B: AD HOC NOTIFICATION**

1. **Description of product:** Apples
2. **Tariff item number:** 0808.10.00
3. **Trigger price:** $850/tonne (as calculated in Annex 1)
4. **Date of application:** as from 15 May 2008

**When to notify this measure?** Normally before 15 May 2008 but before 25 May 2008.
SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: PRICE-BASED: Annex 1 to Table MA:4

Information required for the calculation of the Trigger Price
(pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture)

Prices in the reference period: 1986: 800 
1987: 900 
1988: 850 
Average: 850

Source of price information: c.i.f. import values (Department of Statistics)

How to calculate the trigger price if there were no imports of apples during 1986-88?
Trigger prices would need to be approximated using the guidance in footnote 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, e.g G/AG/N/JPN/146
(also refer to page 18 of G/AG/R/56 for an explanation of calculations in G/AG/N/JPN/146)
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WHO?

All the following Members who have reserved the right in the Schedule to use the Special Safeguard Provisions.

Members with scheduled SSG rights are required to make an annual Table MA:5 notification, irrespective of whether a safeguard measure was actually invoked in a reporting year.

Australia
Barbados
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Botswana
Canada
Colombia
Costa Rica
Ecuador
El Salvador
European Union
Guatemala
Iceland
Indonesia
Israel
Japan
Korea
Malaysia
Mexico
Morocco
Namibia
New Zealand
Nicaragua

NOTIFICATION FORMAT

WHAT TO NOTIFY?

- Annual summary of safeguard actions taken during the relevant implementation year.
- Where the special safeguard provisions were not invoked in any year, a Nil statement should be notified (e.g. Case 2 on page 39 below).

Though not necessarily required under the agreed Table MA:5 format, some Table MA:5 notifications also include information on volume of imports affected by safeguard actions, e.g. G/AG/N/KOR/39, G/AG/N/CHE/27/Rev.1, G/AG/N/USA/67.

HOW TO NOTIFY?

Case 1:

- BETA invoked volume-based SSG on butter during 2008 (refer to Case 1 (Example 1) under Table MA:3 above).
- During 2008, BETA also applied price-based SSG on apples (refer to Case 2 under Table MA:4 above).
- When and how should BETA make its Table MA:5 notification for the year 2008?

WHEN?

- No later than 30 days following the year in question.
Table MA:5

MARKET ACCESS: name of Member

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.

Annual summary of special safeguard actions taken

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tariff item number</th>
<th>Description of product</th>
<th>Whether volume-based action taken during period</th>
<th>Whether price-based action taken during period</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
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</table>
### Table MA:5

**MARKET ACCESS:** BETA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year 2008

**Annual summary of special safeguard actions taken**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tariff item number</th>
<th>Description of product</th>
<th>Whether volume-based action taken during period</th>
<th>Whether price-based action taken during period</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0405.00.00</td>
<td>Butter</td>
<td>Action taken during 20 September 2008 to 31 December 2008</td>
<td>No action taken</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0808.10.00</td>
<td>Apples</td>
<td>No action taken</td>
<td>Action commenced 15 May 2008.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Notes:**
- **Case 1** (e.g. G/AG/N/TPKM/65)
- The information on volume-based safeguard actions in column 3 has to be derived from Table MA:3 notification(s) already issued during the implementation year in question (i.e. 2008).
- No concurrent action.
- Refer to Article 5.1(a) of the Agreement on Agriculture.
- Trigger prices for all products included in column 4 should have already been notified in Table MA:4, either through up-front or ad hoc Table MA:4 notifications.
**Case 2:**

- GAMMA has the right to apply the SSG on a number of agricultural products in accordance with its Schedule.
- GAMMA did not invoke the SSG during calendar year 2008, i.e. neither price-based nor volume-based SSG was actually applied in the calendar year 2008 by GAMMA.
- Could GAMMA "skip" this notification requirement? If not, when should it notify?

In accordance with the notification requirements (paragraph (iii), page 5 of document G/AG/2), GAMMA notifies that the special safeguard provisions were not invoked during the calendar year 2008.

Table MA:5 notification would still be required with a "Nil statement".
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WHAT TO NOTIFY?

The prefix “DS” is used to distinguish the notification formats or “tables” that apply in the area of domestic support.

In the area of domestic support, there are two distinct notification requirements, i.e.

- **Table DS:1**: relating to calculation and reporting of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS), and
- **Table DS:2**: relating to the notification of new or modified domestic support measures for which exemption from reduction is claimed.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DS:1</th>
<th>Current Total AMS</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DS:2</td>
<td>New/modified “exempt” measure</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

RELEVANT REFERENCES

General

- [Agriculture gateway](www.wto.org --> trade topics --> agriculture)
- [Agriculture Information Management System](http://agims.wto.org/):
  - List of Notifications since 1995
  - Compliance with notification obligations
  - Search and analyse notified information (data sets)
- Results of the Survey on the Improvement of Timeliness and Completeness of Notifications under Existing Procedures (G/AG/GEN/85)
- Improvement of the Submission of Notifications - Documentation Guide (G/AG/W/112 series)
- Annex 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Product Coverage)

Domestic support

- Members’ WTO Schedule (Section I of Part IV)
- Article 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Definition of Terms)
- Article 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Incorporation of Concessions and Commitments)
- Article 6 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Domestic Support Commitments)
- Article 7 of the Agreement on Agriculture (General Disciplines on Domestic Support)
- Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Domestic Support: The Basis for Exemption from the Reduction Commitment)
- Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Calculation of Aggregate Measurement of Support)
- Annex 4 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Calculation of Equivalent Measurement of Support)
**NOTIFICATION FORMAT**

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**WHO?**

All Members

**WHEN?**

- **For Members with Total AMS commitment** in Part IV of their Schedule:
  - No later than 90 days following the end of the calendar (or, marketing, fiscal, etc.) year in question.\(^1\)

- **For Members with no Total AMS commitment** in Part IV of their Schedule:
  - Annually.

- **Least-developed country Members:**
  - Once every two years.

**WHAT TO NOTIFY?**

- Information on all domestic support measures being applied by a Member in a reporting year along with their monetary values.

- Where no domestic support measure is applied by a Member in a reporting year, a **Nil statement** should be made (see for example cases 1 and 2 below on pages 56, 57).

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\(^1\) Where the notification submitted within the 90-day period is provisional, the final notification should be submitted no later than 120 days following the end of the year.
Table DS:1

STRUCTURE OF A TYPICAL TABLE DS:1 NOTIFICATION

1. The composition of an actual notification may not necessarily contain all supporting tables shown above and would, inter alia, depend on the nature of the various domestic support measures applied by a notifying Member in the relevant year, as shown in the various case examples below.
### Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

<table>
<thead>
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<th>What to notify</th>
<th>Which Table/Supporting Table</th>
<th>Comments</th>
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</thead>
</table>
| **Overall non-exempt support amount (i.e. Current Total AMS)** | Table DS:1 | • Overall non-exempt support amount (i.e. Current Total AMS) alongside the scheduled Total AMS commitment level for the year in question is reported in Table DS:1.  
  • As shown in later case examples, it may also be used to notify  
  - that no domestic support measure was applied (Nil statement), or  
  - a statement that all non-exempt support was covered under the de minimis exemption. |
| **Overall non-exempt support amount (i.e. Current Total AMS)** | Table DS:1 | All Green Box measures, if existing, in the relevant year would need to be included in **ST DS:1** along with the **monetary value**. |
| **Overall non-exempt support amount (i.e. Current Total AMS)** | Table DS:1 | All Blue Box measures, if existing, in the relevant year are reported here along with the **monetary value**. |
| **Overall non-exempt support amount (i.e. Current Total AMS)** | Table DS:1 | All measures, if existing, in the relevant year covered under Article 6.2 are reported here along with the **monetary value**. |
| **Overall non-exempt support amount (i.e. Current Total AMS)** | Table DS:1 | **These three supporting tables cover “exempt” categories of support.** |
| **Green Box measures (Annex 2)** | ST DS:1 | Product-specific AMS (**ST DS:7**) or EMS (**ST DS:8**) for all products receiving such support and total non-product-specific AMS (**ST DS:9**) are summed up here. Support amounts (whether product-specific or non-product-specific) that are claimed to be within the relevant de minimis levels are left out of summation. Total support is called “Current Total AMS” and is carried over to column 3 of Table DS:1. |
| **Development Programmes (Article 6.2) (applicable only to developing country Members)** | ST DS:2 | Support measures for all products receiving non-exempt direct payments are reported here along with necessary calculations. This table is not needed if no market price support exists in a relevant year. |
| **Blue Box measures (Article 6.5)** | ST DS:3 | **These six supporting tables cover “Non-exempt” or Amber Box support.** |
| **Calculation of Current Total AMS** | ST DS:4 | Support measures for all products receiving market price support are reported here along with necessary calculations. This table is not needed if no market price support exists in a relevant year. |
| **Market price support** | ST DS:5 | Support measures for all products receiving non-exempt direct payments (whether price-contingent or otherwise) are reported here along with necessary calculations. This table is not needed if no such support exists in the relevant year. |
| **Non-exempt direct payments** | ST DS:6 | Other product-specific support, and Total Product specific AMS |
| **Other product-specific support, and Total Product specific AMS** | ST DS:7 | All other product-specific support measures, i.e. not covered under either market price support (**ST DS:5**) or non-exempt direct payments (**ST DS:6**), are included in **ST DS:7**: Since market price support and non-exempt direct payments measures (as taken from **ST DS:5** and **ST DS:6** respectively), are also included in **ST DS:7**, this table consolidates Total product-specific AMS for all products receiving non-exempt support. |
| **Product-specific EMS** | ST DS:8 | Equivalent measurement of support (EMS) for all products are reported here along with necessary calculations. This table is not needed if no such support exists in the relevant year. |
| **Non-product-specific AMS** | ST DS:9 | All individual non-product-specific measures are reported here. Individual amounts are then summed up and the total non-product-specific AMS figure is brought forward to **ST DS:4**. |

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1 Information on the various support measures is to be organized in relevant Supporting Tables according to “Measure type(s)” as per the agreed notification formats in G/AG/2.
## HOW TO NOTIFY?

Broadly, there are four possible situations:

- (i) No domestic support measure is applied in the relevant year;
- (ii) Only exempt support measures are applied in the relevant year;
- (iii) Only non-exempt measures are applied in the relevant year;
- (iv) Both exempt as well as non-exempt measures are applied in the relevant year.

These four situations may then apply to the following **two categories of Members:**

(a) Members with Total AMS commitment in Part IV of the Schedule, as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Argentina</th>
<th>Japan</th>
<th>Saudi Arabia</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Australia</td>
<td>Jordan</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bolivarian Republic of</td>
<td>Venezuela</td>
<td>Korea</td>
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<td>Brazil</td>
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<td>Chinese Taipei</td>
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<td>Canada</td>
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<td>New Zealand</td>
<td>Ukraine</td>
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<td>Former Yugoslav Republic of</td>
<td>Macedonia</td>
<td>Norway</td>
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<tr>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>Papua New Guinea</td>
<td>Viet Nam</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Israel</td>
<td>Russian Federation</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(b) Members with no Total AMS commitment in Part IV of the Schedule which include all Members other than those listed above.

### Eight possible situations

Would then arise:

- **Members with scheduled Total AMS commitment**
  - No domestic support measure is applied in the relevant year. See Case 1, page 56
  - Only exempt support measures are applied in the relevant year. See Case 3, pages 58-61
  - Only non-exempt measures are applied in the relevant year. See Case 5, pages 66-72
  - Both exempt as well as non-exempt measures are applied in the relevant year. See Case 7, pages 78-86

- **Members without scheduled Total AMS commitment**
  - No domestic support measure is applied in the relevant year. See Case 2, page 57
  - Only exempt support measures are applied in the relevant year. See Case 4, pages 62-65
  - Only non-exempt measures are applied in the relevant year. See Case 6, pages 73-77
  - Both exempt as well as non-exempt measures are applied in the relevant year. See Case 8, pages 87-93

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1 Please refer to the documents in the TN/AG/S/13 series.
Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

DOMESTIC SUPPORT:

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.

Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total AMS commitment level for period in question</th>
<th>Currency</th>
<th>Current Total AMS</th>
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<td>(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</td>
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<td>(from attached Supporting Tables)</td>
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</tbody>
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Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- “Green Box”*

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Measure type</th>
<th>Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2</th>
<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
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<td>1</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>(a)</td>
<td>&quot;general services&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>(b)</td>
<td>&quot;public stockholding for food security purposes&quot;</td>
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<td>(c)</td>
<td>&quot;domestic food aid&quot;</td>
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<td>(d)</td>
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<td>&quot;income insurance and income safety-net programmes&quot;</td>
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<td>(f)</td>
<td>&quot;payments for relief from natural disasters&quot;</td>
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<td>(g)</td>
<td>&quot;structural adjustment assistance provided through producer retirement programmes&quot;</td>
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<td>(h)</td>
<td>&quot;structural adjustment assistance provided through resource retirement programmes&quot;</td>
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<td>(k)</td>
<td>&quot;regional assistance programmes&quot;</td>
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<td>(l)</td>
<td>&quot;other&quot;</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Measure type</th>
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<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(a) "investment subsidies generally available to agriculture"

(b) "input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers"

(c) "support to encourage diversification from growing illicit narcotic crops"
Supporting Table DS:3

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Direct Payments under Production-Limiting Programmes - "Exempt Direct Payments"*

<table>
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<th>Measure type</th>
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<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question</th>
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</table>

(a) "payments based on fixed area and yields"

(b) "payments based on 85 per cent or less of the base level of production"

(c) "livestock payments made on a fixed number of head"
### Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

<table>
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<th>Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)</th>
<th>Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below)</th>
<th>Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)</th>
<th>Current Total AMS (aggregate)</th>
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<td></td>
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<td>Product B</td>
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<td>Non-product-specific AMS</td>
<td>Total Non-product-specific AMS (from Supporting Table DS:9 below)</td>
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<td>TOTAL: Current Total AMS</td>
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</table>

TOTAL: Current Total AMS
Supporting Table DS:5

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support*

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<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Applied administered price</th>
<th>External reference price (generally from AGST/...)</th>
<th>Eligible production</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total market price support</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
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Data sources
### Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

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<th>Applied administered price</th>
<th>External reference price (generally from AGST/...)</th>
<th>Eligible production</th>
<th>Total price-related direct payments</th>
<th>Other non-exempt direct payments</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total direct payments</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
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<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
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</table>

1: $2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 + 6$

7: $8 + 9 - 10$

11: $(7+8)-9$
Supporting Table DS:7

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** name of Member

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS*

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<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning...</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Other product-specific budgetary outlays</th>
<th>Other product-specific support (include calculation details)</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total other product-specific support</th>
<th>Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5)</th>
<th>Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6)</th>
<th>Total AMS</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
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Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:8

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.

Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic products</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Applied administered price</th>
<th>Production eligible to receive the applied administered price</th>
<th>Market price support budgetary outlays</th>
<th>Equivalent measurement of support (include calculation details)</th>
<th>Non-exempt direct payments</th>
<th>Other product-specific support</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total monetary value of equivalent commitment</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11 (7+8+9-10)</td>
<td>12</td>
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</table>
Supporting Table DS:9

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.

Non-Product-Specific AMS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Non-product-specific budgetary outlays</th>
<th>Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details)</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total non-product-specific support</th>
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<td>3</td>
<td>4 (3+4-5)</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
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</table>
Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

**Case 1:**

- ALFA is a Member with Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- ALFA provided no domestic support in the reporting year 2008.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total AMS commitment level for period in question (from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</th>
<th>Currency (from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</th>
<th>Current Total AMS (from attached Supporting Tables)</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>$ million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
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<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ALFA notifies that no domestic support was provided to agricultural producers in 2008.

These two entries come from the Schedule.
Domestic Support Handbook on agriculture notifications

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Case 2:

- BETA has no Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- BETA provided no domestic support in the reporting year 2008.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

| DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA |
| REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008 |

| Case 2 |
| e.g. G/AG/N/SGP/18, G/AG/N/NGA/9 |

BETA notifies that no domestic support was provided to agricultural producers in 2008.

Table DS:1 format has not been considered necessary in this case and the Nil statement can be reproduced on the first page of the notification.
Case 3:

- ALFA is a developing country Member with Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- ALFA provided the following exempt domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - General Services programmes (Research, and marketing services) under the Green Box, and
  - Input subsidies to low-income or resource-poor farmers under Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What would be the composition of its notification?

- summary Table DS:1 (Why? Because ALFA has Total AMS commitment)
  - ST DS:1 (General Services programmes (Research, and marketing services))
  - ST DS:2 (Input subsidies to low-income or resource-poor producers)
- no ST DS:3 as no Blue Box measure is applied and
- no ST DS:4 to ST DS:9 as these are used to notify "non-exempt" support measures.
**Table DS:1**

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

**Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support**

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<td>(from attached Supporting Tables)</td>
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<td>250 $ million</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

In accordance with the notification requirements (paragraph (ii), page 11 of document G/AG/2), ALFA notifies that domestic support to agricultural producers in 2008 was provided through the operations of the Department of Agriculture and other government departments. All such support is covered by the domestic support categories which are exempt from reduction commitments under the Agreement on Agriculture. The attached Supporting Tables DS:1 and DS:2 provide details of these exempt measures.

Despite having only exempt measures, it is important to include the summary Table DS:1 to show the Total AMS commitment vis-à-vis zero Current Total AMS.

Such a situation of zero Current Total AMS in Table DS:1 may also arise if non-exempt support (whether product-specific or non-product-specific) is provided but it does not exceed the relevant de minimis levels, but the composition of the notification in terms of supporting tables would not be the same as mentioned above (i.e. ST DS:1 and ST DS:2 only). If there are non-exempt measures applied, the notification would also include ST DS:4 and other relevant supporting tables.

Case 3: e.g. G/AG/N/ZAF/71.

Such notifications are also covered by the green box (Article 6.2) of the Agreement on Agriculture.
Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type</th>
<th>Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2</th>
<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Agricultural research: Provides research into technical issues reflecting agricultural productivity. The programmes are operated by the relevant Department and do not involve direct payments to producers. (Annex 2, §2(a))</td>
<td>134</td>
<td>“Estimates and expenditures”, Department of Agriculture</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Co-operative marketing programme: Provision of marketing facilities through co-operatives to provide for the accumulation of commercial quantities of goods (Annex 2, §2(f))</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>“Estimates and expenditures”, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Column 1 labels under the heading "measure type" are taken from G/AG/2 (page 13) by reference to Annex 2, paragraphs 2-13 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

This type of reference to the corresponding Green Box criteria may also facilitate the Review Process.

All Green Box measures applied in the reporting year (2008) are to be included in ST DS:1 along with their monetary values.
### Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** ALFA  
**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type</th>
<th>Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2</th>
<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td><strong>Input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers</strong></td>
<td>2.3</td>
<td>&quot;Estimates and expenditures&quot;, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td><strong>Fertiliser subsidy:</strong> The fertiliser subsidy is generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers through state agencies.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

From G/AG/2 (page 14) by reference to Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture which, in addition, also exempts "investment subsidies generally available to agriculture" and "support to encourage diversification from growing illicit narcotic crops" from inclusion in developing country Member’s calculation of Current Total AMS.
Case 4:

- BETA is a developing country Member with no Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- BETA provided the following exempt domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - General Services programmes (Infrastructural services) under the Green Box,
  - Public stockholding of wheat and sugar for food security purposes under the Green Box,
  - Domestic food aid programme to assist low-income families to obtain staple food under the Green Box, and
  - Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture under Article 6.2 (subsidized credit to agricultural producers in general)

How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What if?

BETA is not a developing country Member or is a Member who does not have access to Article 6.2?

The measure highlighted above would be considered for inclusion in the AMS calculations. As support is available to agricultural producers in general, the measure would be appropriately considered for inclusion in ST DS:9 as non-product-specific support. Please refer to ST DS:9 in Case 6 below.

How would the composition of the notification in Case 4 be different from Case 3?

The only difference vis-à-vis Case 3 would be that the summary Table DS:1 showing the Total AMS commitment would be empty. Alternatively, the Table DS:1 format may be omitted.

ST DS:1 (Green Box) and ST DS:2 (Article 6.2) would be needed as in Case 3.
DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total AMS commitment level for period in question</th>
<th>Currency</th>
<th>Current Total AMS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</td>
<td>(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</td>
<td>(from attached Supporting Tables)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In accordance with the notification requirements (paragraph (ii), page 11 of document G/AG/2), BETA notifies that domestic support to agricultural producers in 2008 was provided through the operations of the Department of Agriculture. All such support is covered by the domestic support categories which are exempt from reduction commitments under the Agreement on Agriculture. The attached Supporting Tables DS:1 and DS:2 provide details of these exempt measures.

Alternatively, as in Case 1 above on page 56, the Summary Table DS:1 format may be omitted and the content above may be included on the first page of the notification.

For Members without scheduled Total AMS commitment, it is considered useful to outline in the beginning of the notification the scope of the domestic support measures included in the Table DS:1 notification.
# Supporting Table DS:1

## DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type</th>
<th>Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2</th>
<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General services</td>
<td>Infrastructural services: construction of rural roads, rural electrification, market and port facilities, water supply facilities. In all cases the expenditure was directed to the provision or construction of capital works only, and shall exclude the subsidized provision of on-farm facilities other than for the reticulation of generally-available public utilities. (Annex 2, §2(g))</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public stockholding for food security purposes</td>
<td>Government expenditure on public stockholding of wheat, and sugar for food security purposes.</td>
<td>329</td>
<td>Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Domestic food aid</td>
<td>Provision of subsidized wheat and sugar to poor population.</td>
<td>111</td>
<td>Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

General services is a category of measures often utilized by Members, especially by developing country Members. To categorize a measure under general services, in addition to the basic criteria prescribed for Green Box measures (i.e. Paragraph 1 of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture), the Members must ensure that the measure shall not involve direct payments to producers or processors (refer to Paragraph 2 of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture). In addition, for measures covered under infrastructural services, the highlighted section above includes a criteria to be respected for such measures. During the Review Process, this has been a recurrent theme of questions raised by other Members concerning measures notified under infrastructural services.
### Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** BETA  
**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type</th>
<th>Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2</th>
<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Investment subsidy generally available to agriculture</td>
<td>6.8</td>
<td>Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Agricultural credit and loan scheme: Finance is available to all farmers in order to allow them to take measures to increase agricultural productivity.</td>
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</tbody>
</table>


Case 5:

- ALFA is a Member with Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- ALFA provided the following non-exempt domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - Market price support (MPS) for milk (purchasing by the government at an intervention price of $255/t)
  - Deficiency direct payments for wheat (target price = $130/t)
  - Transport subsidy for wheat (= $5 million)
  - Non-product-specific support in the form of fertilizer and subsidy for buying farm machinery.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What would be the composition of the notification in terms of various Tables in the notification?

- summary Table DS:1 (Why? Because ALFA has Total AMS commitment)
  - ST DS:5 (Market price support measures for milk)
  - ST DS:6 (Deficiency direct payments for wheat)
  - ST DS:7 (Transport subsidy for wheat and also for the purposes of sum of product-specific AMSs)
  - ST DS:9 (Non-product-specific support in the form of fertilizer and subsidy for buying farm machinery).
  - ST DS:4 (for the calculation of Current Total AMS)
- and no ST DS:1 to ST DS:3: as these are used to notify “exempt” support measures.
Table DS:1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total AMS commitment level for period in question</th>
<th>Currency</th>
<th>Current Total AMS (from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</td>
<td>(from attached Supporting Tables)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
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<td>250 $ million</td>
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<td>212</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008

Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

This comes from column 4 of ST DS:4
### Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** ALFA  
**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

**Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)</th>
<th>Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) ($ million)</th>
<th>Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below) ($ million)</th>
<th>Current Total AMS (aggregate) ($ million)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Milk</strong></td>
<td>80</td>
<td></td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wheat</strong></td>
<td>20</td>
<td></td>
<td>0 (de minimis)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Non-product-specific AMS</strong></td>
<td>132</td>
<td></td>
<td>132</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL (Current Total AMS)</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>212</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Calculations:**

- **de minimis level** = 10% of the value of wheat production in 2008
  - = 10% of $250 million
  - = $25 million

- Product-specific AMS for wheat = $20 million

- Product-specific AMS for wheat <= de minimis level

1. The total value of wheat production in 2008 was $250 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the notified product-specific AMS for wheat falls below the de minimis level (10%) and thus need not be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

1. The value of wheat production in 2008 was $250 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the notified product-specific AMS for wheat falls below the de minimis level (10%) and thus need not be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

Some notifications include an additional column in **ST DS:4** showing the value of production (VoP) to justify de minimis exemptions (e.g., G/AG/N/EEC/64, G/AG/N/USA/66). There are also examples where calculations justifying de minimis exemptions are included in Supporting Tables other than ST DS:4 (e.g., G/AG/N/AUS/41, G/AG/N/BRA/23).

Irrespective of the Supporting Table used for justifying de minimis claims, what is, however, always expected by Members is the inclusion of relevant VoP data (i.e., relevant products for product-specific de minimis or total agricultural production for non-product-specific de minimis claims) in the notification. The information can be included as a footnote (as in this example) or in an additional column in **ST DS:4** (e.g., G/AG/N/CHN/17); there is no defined format. If not included, such data is generally requested by Members during the Review Process.
**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** ALFA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

**Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description of basic products</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Applied administered price</th>
<th>External reference price (generally from AGST/...)</th>
<th>Eligible production</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total market price support</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
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<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Milk</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>intervention purchasing (partially producer funded)</td>
<td>255</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

It is generally understood that the External reference price (ERP) and the applied administered price (AP) must be calculated at an equivalent stage of processing of the basic agricultural product concerned. For example, if AP corresponds to milk, the ERP to be used in the MPS calculations should also correspond (or be converted) to the same stage of processing, i.e. milk.

**ERP comes from Members’ supporting data (AGST tables). The ERP remains fixed for a product, i.e. if market price support (MPS) is continued for milk say in 2009, ERP for milk would continue to be $200/t and would be compared with the applied administered price for the year 2009 in the MPS calculations for 2009.**

**What if :**

Product (say milk) subject to MPS in a reporting year does not appear in AGST (i.e. milk was not subject to MPS during the base years used in the AGST documentation)?

**ERP would need to be calculated in accordance with paragraph 9 of Annex 3 of Agreement on Agriculture:**

- average FOB unit value of the product during the base period (i.e. 1986-88) if Member was a net-exporting country for the product concerned in that period or
- average CIF unit value of the product during the base period if the Member was net-importing country in that period).

Once calculated as per the methodology above, the ERP for that product would remain fixed for that Member for subsequent reporting years.
### Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic product</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Applied administered price</th>
<th>External reference price (generally from AGST/...)</th>
<th>Eligible production (tonnes)</th>
<th>Total price-related direct payments ($ million)</th>
<th>Other non-exempt direct payments</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total direct payments ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wheat</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>Deficiency payments</td>
<td>130</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>500,000</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Target price

*Fixed* reference price based on 1986-88

Refer to paragraph 11 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

Price-gap based deficiency payments can be calculated either by using the price-gap methodology (as above) or using budgetary outlays. Refer to paragraph 10 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

This will be carried over to ST DS:7 for the calculation of product-specific AMS for **Wheat**.

* "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture
### Supporting Table DS:7

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic product</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Other product-specific budgetary outlays ($ million)</th>
<th>Other product-specific support (include calculation details)</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total other product-specific support ($ million)</th>
<th>Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5) ($ million)</th>
<th>Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6) ($ million)</th>
<th>Total AMS ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Milk</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wheat</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>Product specific transport subsidy</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All non-exempt support measures for basic products other than market price support (to be included in **ST DS:5**) and non-exempt direct payments (to be included in **ST DS:6**) are to be included in **ST DS:7**.

**ST DS:7**, therefore, has a Dual purpose:

1. includes other product-specific outlays, as in above example.
2. sums up various types of product-specific AMS amounts to arrive at total product-specific AMS (i.e. column 10) which is then carried over to **ST DS:4**.

*“Estimates and expenditures, 2008”, Department of Agriculture*
Supporting Table DS:9

### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning</th>
<th>Non-product-specific budgetary outlays ($ million)</th>
<th>Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details)</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total non-product-specific support ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fertiliser subsidy</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subsidy for farmers to purchase agriculture machinery</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td></td>
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<td>132</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

This is the total of all non-product-specific support measures and is carried over to **ST DS:4**. De minimis exemptions for non-product-specific support are to be assessed on the total amount of such support, against the total value of agricultural production.

* "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture
Case 6:

- BETA is a Member with no Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- BETA provided the following non-exempt domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - direct payments for pineapples
  - investment subsidies (subsidized credit to agricultural producers in general)
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What would be the composition of the notification?

- summary Table DS:1 (where Current Total AMS may be indicated as “de minimis”)
  - ST DS:6 (direct payments for pineapples)
  - ST DS:9 (subsidized credit for agricultural producers; why? because it is in favour of agricultural producers in general and hence Non-product-specific)
  - ST DS:4 (for the calculation of Current Total AMS)
- and no
  - ST DS:1 to ST DS:3: (as these are used to notify “exempt” support measures).
  - ST DS:5 (as there are no market price support measures)
  - ST DS:7 (as there are no “other product-specific measures” to be included in ST DS:7 and the only product-specific measure is in the form of direct payments included in ST DS:6. Total product-specific AMS is only what is included in ST DS:6 and which is carried over to ST DS:4).
### Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

#### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total AMS commitment level for period in question (from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</th>
<th>Currency (from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</th>
<th>Current Total AMS (from attached Supporting Tables)</th>
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- **de minimis**
  - Justification of the de minimis claim is provided in ST DS:4.
  - A Member with no Total AMS commitment in the Schedule would need to ensure that non-exempt support is within the de minimis exemption.

➤Refer to Article 7.2(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture.

Member with no Total AMS commitment in the Schedule.

Case 6 e.g. G/AG/N/TUR/14,
### Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)</th>
<th>Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) ($ million)</th>
<th>Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)</th>
<th>Current Total AMS (aggregate) ($ million)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pineapples</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>0 (de minimis)²</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-product-specific AMS</td>
<td>68</td>
<td></td>
<td>0 (de minimis)²</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOTAL (Current Total AMS)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 (de minimis)</td>
</tr>
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</table>

For a Member with no Total AMS commitment, product-specific AMS for each product as well as Total non-product-specific AMS should not exceed the *de minimis* level.  
⇒ Refer to Article 7.2(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture.

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1. The total value of pineapple production in 2008 was $80 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the support amount falls below the *de minimis* level (5%) thus need not be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

2. The value of total agricultural production in 2008 was $1.5 billion (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the support amount falls below the *de minimis* level (5%) thus need not be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.
### Supporting Table DS:6

#### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

**Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic product</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Applied administered price</th>
<th>External reference price (generally from AGST/...)</th>
<th>Eligible production</th>
<th>Total price-related direct payments</th>
<th>Other non-exempt direct payments ($ million)</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total direct payments ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pineapples</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>Lump-sum payment to pineapple producers</td>
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**WHAT IF?**

What if:

Other types of product-specific measures say market price support (MPS) had been provided to pineapples or to any other product. One would be required to include **ST DS:5** for MPS but also **ST DS:7** for summing up purposes. Those **Total** amounts in **ST DS:7** would then be required to be carried over to **ST DS:4** (and not from **ST DS:6**, as in the current example).

*“Annual production statistics”, Department of Agriculture.*

The only product-specific measure is in the form of “non-exempt direct payments” included in ST DS:6 (applied to Pineapples). The amount in column 10 is, therefore, **Total** product-specific AMS for pineapples and is then carried over to ST DS:4.
Supporting Table DS:9

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Non-product-specific budgetary outlays</th>
<th>Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details)</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total non-product-specific support</th>
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</tbody>
</table>

**Investment subsidy** (subsidized credit for agricultural producers in general)

- Calendar year - 68*
- 68

* This is the only non-product-specific support measure and the corresponding monetary value would therefore be the total non-product-specific AMS. It is carried over to ST DS:4.

** De minimis exemptions for non-product-specific AMS are to be assessed on the total amount of such support.

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* Agriculture producers pay a fixed interest rate of 8%. The support amount is calculated as the difference between this rate and the average market rate for the value of outstanding loans.

** "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture.
Case 7:

- GAMMA is a developed country Member with Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.
- GAMMA provided the following exempt and non-exempt domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - Green Box measures (General services and Natural disaster relief payments)
  - Blue Box measures (based on fixed area and yields and livestock payments)
  - Market price support measures for Soybeans (government purchasing for stock at an intervention price of $450/t)
  - Direct payments for Milk (lump sum payment, budgetary outlay of $10 million)
  - Storage subsidy for Wheat (budgetary outlay of $200 million)
  - Market price support for Tomatoes (peak season disposal from market when domestic prices are low)
- GAMMA considers that the price support for Tomatoes should be calculated as Equivalent Measurement of Support (EMS).
- All support measures in 2008 are attributable only to specific basic agricultural products, i.e. no non-product-specific support has been granted.
- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What would be the composition of the notification in terms of various Tables in the notification?

- summary Table DS:1 (Why? Because GAMMA has Total AMS commitment)
  - ST DS:1 (Green Box measures)
  - ST DS:3 (Blue Box measures)
  - ST DS:5 (Market price support measures for Soybeans)
  - ST DS:6 (Direct payments for Milk)
  - ST DS:7 (Storage subsidy for Wheat and also for the purposes of sum of product-specific AMSs)
  - ST DS:8 (Price support for Tomatoes, to be calculated as EMS)
  - ST DS:4 (For the calculation of Current Total AMS)
- The following supporting tables are not required:
  - ST DS:2 (as Article 6.2 exemption is not applicable to developed country Members)
  - ST DS:9 (as there was no non-product-specific support measure in 2008)
### Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** GAMMA  
**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008  
**Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total AMS commitment level for period in question</th>
<th>Currency</th>
<th>Current Total AMS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</td>
<td>(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</td>
<td>(from attached Supporting Tables)</td>
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<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **Case 7**  
  e.g. G/AG/N/EEC/64, G/AG/N/NOR/51  

- **From Schedule**  
  From Column 4 of ST DS:4  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2,500</th>
<th>$ million</th>
<th>300</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>From Schedule</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** GAMMA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type</th>
<th>Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2</th>
<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General services</td>
<td>Agricultural research: Provides research into technical issues reflecting agricultural productivity. The programmes are operated by the relevant Department and do not involve direct payments to producers. <em>(Annex 2, §2(a))</em></td>
<td>3,500</td>
<td>&quot;Estimates and expenditures&quot;, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General services</td>
<td>Quarantine and veterinary services: Provision of veterinary expertise and quarantine services at both the border and on-farm in the form of an eradication programme for diseased animals. <em>(Annex 2, §2(b))</em></td>
<td>590</td>
<td>&quot;&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Payments for relief from natural disasters</td>
<td>Disaster relief: Payments to farmers (direct or in kind) to assistance in repairing damage from flooding and wind in Y province. The disaster was formally recognised by the government on 13 April 2008. The payments do not fully compensate for the damage. <em>(Annex 2, §8)</em></td>
<td>855</td>
<td>&quot;Annual statements&quot;, Department of the Economy</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

"Measure type" categorization taken from G/AG/2 (page 13)
Supporting Table DS:3

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Direct Payments under Production-Limiting Programmes - "Exempt Direct Payments"

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type</th>
<th>Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:5</th>
<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Payments based on fixed area and yields</td>
<td>Set-aside: Payments made under the set-aside scheme require farmers to set-aside 8% of their arable area. For the purposes of this scheme, the relevant area is that shown to have been planted in 1993 (2.5 million hectares) and average yields for 1992-1994 are used (on average 3.8 t/ha).</td>
<td>560</td>
<td>“Estimates and expenditures”, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Livestock payments made on a fixed number of head</td>
<td>Stock retention: Payments are made on a maximum of 50 head of cattle or the number farmed in 1991 - whichever is the lesser. In order to be eligible to participate in the scheme, farmers must reduce total stock numbers by at least 10% from 1991 numbers.</td>
<td>1,679</td>
<td>--</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

"Measure type" categorization taken from G/AG/2 (page 15)
### Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)</th>
<th>Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) ($ million)</th>
<th>Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below) ($ million)</th>
<th>Current Total AMS (aggregate) ($ million)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wheat</td>
<td>200</td>
<td></td>
<td>200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soybeans</td>
<td>95</td>
<td></td>
<td>95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Milk</td>
<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td>0 (de minimis)(^1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tomatoes</td>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL (Current Total AMS)</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>300</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*All products receiving product-specific AMS or product-specific EMS are to be included in column 1 of ST DS:4.*

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\(^1\) The total value of milk production in 2008 was $800 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the support amount for milk falls below the de minimis level (5%) and hence does not need to be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.
### Supporting Table DS:5

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic products</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning...</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Applied administered price</th>
<th>External reference price (generally from AGST/...)</th>
<th>Eligible production</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total market price support</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Soybeans</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>Supported purchases for government stockpile</td>
<td>450 ($/tonnes)</td>
<td>300 ($/tonnes)</td>
<td>1,000,000 (tonnes)</td>
<td>55 ($ million)</td>
<td>95 ((4-5)*6)-7 $ million</td>
<td>(4-5)*6-7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Annual production statistics*, Department of Statistics and *Estimates and expenditures*, Department of Agriculture.
### Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic product</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Applied administered price</th>
<th>External reference price (generally from AGST/...)</th>
<th>Eligible production</th>
<th>Total price-related direct payments</th>
<th>Other non-exempt direct payments ($ million)</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total direct payments ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Milk</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>Lump-sum payment to milk producers</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>*</td>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
<td>*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Carried over to column 9 of **ST DS:7**.

* "Annual production statistics", Department of Statistics and "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture.
### Supporting Table DS:7

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic product</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Other product-specific budgetary outlays ($ million)</th>
<th>Other product-specific support (include calculation details)</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total other product-specific support ($ million)</th>
<th>Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5) ($ million)</th>
<th>Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6) ($ million)</th>
<th>Total AMS ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wheat</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>Storage subsidy</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(4+5-6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soybeans</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td></td>
<td>95</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(7+8+9)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Milk</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Support for **wheat** falls under “other” product-specific AMS. It cannot be included in **ST DS:5 (MPS)** or **ST DS:6 (direct payments)**. It is therefore reflected in **ST DS:7**

**ST DS:7** has a dual purpose:
1. It includes **other** product-specific support measures, as in the above example.
2. It sums up various types of product-specific AMS amounts to arrive at one single product-specific AMS (i.e. column 10) which is then carried over to **ST DS:4**.

*These figures correspond to Total product-specific AMS and are carried over to column 2 of **ST DS:4**.*

* "Annual production statistics", Department of Statistics and "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture.
### Supporting Table DS:8

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic products</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Applied administered price</th>
<th>Production eligible to receive the applied administered price</th>
<th>Market price support budgetary outlays ($ million)</th>
<th>Equivalent measuremen t of support (include calculation details) ($ million)</th>
<th>Non-exempt direct payments</th>
<th>Other product-specific support</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total monetary value of equivalent commitment ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tomatoes</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>Peak season disposal of surpluses</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5 ($7+8+9-10)</td>
<td><strong>12</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This is a market price support measure for tomatoes. Monetary value has been calculated as product-specific EMS. Refer to Annex 4 of the Agreement on Agriculture for calculation guidelines.

This is product-specific EMS for tomatoes and is carried over to column 3 of ST DS:4.

* "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture.
Domestic Support

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Case 8:

- BETA is a developing country Member with no Total AMS commitment in Part IV of its Schedule.

- BETA provided the following exempt and non-exempt domestic support measures in the reporting year 2008:
  - Green Box measures (General Services and Domestic food aid)
  - Article 6.2 programme (Investment subsidy generally available to agriculture)
  - Direct payments for maize (per tonne payment, budgetary outlay of $1 million)
  - Subsidized credits for agricultural producers in general to buy seeds and fertilizers (preferential interest rate of 8% whereas average market interest rate during the year was 18%. Loan disbursed in 2008 was $600 million.)

- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:1 notification?

What would be the composition of the notification in terms of various Tables in the notification?

- Summary Table DS:1 (where Current Total AMS may be indicated as “de minimis”)
  - ST DS:1 (Green Box)
  - ST DS:2 (Article 6.2 measures)
  - ST DS:6 (Direct payments for Maize)
  - ST DS:9 (Subsidized credit for agricultural producers, why? Because it is in favour of agricultural producers, in general and hence Non-product-specific)
  - ST DS:4 (For the calculation of Current Total AMS)

- And no
  - ST DS:3 (No Blue Box measures)
  - ST DS:5 (As there are no Market price support measures)
  - ST DS:7 (As there are no "other product-specific measures" to be included in ST DS:7. Total product-specific AMS is only what is already included in ST DS:6).
Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total AMS commitment level for period in question</th>
<th>Currency</th>
<th>Current Total AMS</th>
</tr>
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<td>(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)</td>
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<td>(from attached Supporting Tables)</td>
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</table>

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Case 8

*Member with no Total AMS commitment in the Schedule.*

Supporting information/calculation for *de minimis* is included in ST DS:4.
## Support Table DS:1

### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type</th>
<th>Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2</th>
<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General services</td>
<td>Quarantine and veterinary services: Provision of veterinary expertise and quarantine services at both the border and on-farm in the form of an eradication programme for diseased animals. (<em>Annex 2, §2(b)</em>)</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Domestic food aid</td>
<td>Domestic food aid entitlement for low-income families: these families can purchase food directly from a government agency at a sharply reduced price. (<em>Annex 2, §4</em>)</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### WHAT IF?

This domestic food aid is a new programme and was first time introduced in 2008.

As the programme is covered under one of the three "exempt" categories (i.e. Green Box, Blue Box or Article 6.2), in accordance with Article 18.3 of the Agreement on Agriculture, BETA would be required to submit a separate Table DS:2 notification (format and timelines discussed on pages 94-95 below) explaining, *inter alia*, how the programme meets the criteria under Annex 2.
Supporting Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type</th>
<th>Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2</th>
<th>Monetary value of measure in year in question ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Investmen t subsidy generally available to agriculture</td>
<td>Agricultural credit and loan scheme: Finance is available to all farmers in order to allow them the resources necessary in order to increase productivity.</td>
<td>6.8</td>
<td>Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

"Measure type” categorization taken from G/AG/2 (page 14)
### Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** BETA  
**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008  
**Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support**

<table>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maize</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>0 (de minimis)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-product-specific AMS</td>
<td>60</td>
<td></td>
<td>0 (de minimis)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOTAL (Current Total AMS)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 (de minimis)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For a Member with no Total AMS commitment, product-specific AMS for **each** product receiving such support as well as non-product-specific AMS should not exceed the *de minimis* level, otherwise this would constitute a breach of its commitment under **Article 7.2(b)** of the Agreement on Agriculture.

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1 The total value of Maize production in 2008 was $80 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agricultural, the reported amount of support falls below the *de minimis* level (10%). Therefore, it does not need to be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.

2 The value of total agricultural production in 2008 was $800 million (source of information is "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture). Under the provisions of Article 6.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the reported amount of support falls below the *de minimis* level (10%). Therefore, it does not need to be included in the calculation of the Current Total AMS.
Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** BETA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of basic product</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Applied administered price</th>
<th>External reference price (generally from AGST/...)</th>
<th>Eligible production</th>
<th>Total price-related direct payments</th>
<th>Other non-exempt direct payments ($ million)</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total direct payments ($ million)</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Maize</td>
<td>Calendar year</td>
<td>Per tonne payment</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>*</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* "Annual production statistics", Department of Agriculture.
### Supporting Table DS:9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:** BETA  
**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008  
**Non-Product-Specific AMS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure type(s)</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Non-product-specific budgetary outlays</th>
<th>Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details)</th>
<th>Associated fees/levies</th>
<th>Total non-product-specific support</th>
<th>Data sources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6 (3+4-5)</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Input subsidies (Subsidized credit for agricultural producers to buy seeds and fertilizer) | Calendar year | - | 60* | - | 60 | **

**Calculations?**  
Support = (18%-8%)*$600 million = $60 million  
Refer to paragraph 13 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

* Agriculture producers pay a fixed interest rate of 8%. The subsidy is calculated as the difference between this rate and the market rate (18%) for the value of outstanding loans disbursed (i.e. $600 million).  
** "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture.
NOTIFICATION FORMAT

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WHO?

All Members, when they introduce a new measure or modify an existing measure that they consider as exempt from reduction commitment.

WHAT TO NOTIFY?

Details of the new or modified measure and its conformity with relevant criteria for exemption. There are three possible categories of ‘exempt’ support under the Agreement on Agriculture:

- Annex 2 (Green Box),
- Article 6.2 (Development Programmes), and
- Article 6.5 (Blue Box).

WHEN?

As far as practicable before such measures are adopted and in any event within 30 days of adoption.
Table DS.2 Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(1) Full title of measure:

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:

Annex 2: Green box: (a) "general services"; (b) "public stockholding for food security purposes"; (c) "domestic food aid"; (d) "decoupled income support"; (e) "income insurance and income safety-net programmes"; (f) "payments for relief from natural disasters"; (g) "structural adjustment assistance provided through producer retirement programmes"; (h) "structural adjustment assistance provided through resource retirement programmes"; (i) "structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aids"; (j) "environmental programmes"; (k) "regional assistance programmes"; (l) "other"; and/or

Article 6.2: Development programmes: (a) "investment subsidies generally available to agriculture"; (b) "input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers"; (c) "support to encourage diversification from illicit narcotic crops"; and/or

Article 6.5: Exempt direct payments: (a) "payments based on fixed area and yields"; (b) payments based on 85 per cent or less of the base level of production"; (c) "livestock payments made on a fixed number of head".

(4) Cost of measure:

(5) Date of entry into effect:

(6) Period of application:

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):
HOW TO NOTIFY?

Case 1

- ALFA is a developing country Member.
- ALFA introduced a new Fertilizer subsidy programme for low-income or resource-poor producers in 2008.
- ALFA intends to notify it as an ‘exempt’ measure under Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.
- When and how should the information be presented in its Table DS:2 notification?

The measure should be notified as far as practicable before it is adopted and in any event within 30 days of adoption.

Table DS:2 Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Case 1</th>
<th>e.g. G/AG/N/MEX/14</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(1) Full title of measure: Fertilizer Subsidy Scheme.


(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:

- Article 6.2: The Programme defines low-income producers as those with a maximum agricultural land of 10 hectares or an annual income of less than USD 10000. The scheme supports eligible producers by providing them with available nitrogenous fertilizers at 50% of the market price. The government bears the rest of the cost. The support is in the form of input subsidies and is provided only to low-income or resource-poor producers. The programme is therefore covered under Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

(4) Cost of measure: Estimate for 2008: $3 million

(5) Date of entry into effect: 1 January 2008

(6) Period of application: Unlimited

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)): No specific product. Applicable to resource-poor agricultural producers.
Case 2

- The Table DS:1 notification from BETA (refer to Case 8 above) came up for review in the Committee on Agriculture.

- Some Members asked whether the "domestic food aid" programme included in ST DS:1 was a new support measure. If yes, Members insisted that BETA should submit a Table DS:2 notification.

- BETA responded that the measure in question was indeed a new support measure introduced in 2008 and agreed that a Table DS:2 notification would be circulated to Members soon.

- How should the information be presented in its Table DS:2 notification?

Table DS:2 Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction

(1) Full title of measure: Domestic food aid entitlement for low-income families.


(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in: Annex 2: Green Box: domestic food aid; Through a system of discount cards issued to families considered to be in a low-income category, the families can purchase food directly from a government agency at a sharply reduced price. The foods include dairy products, rice, cereal products and vegetable oils. Purchases of food necessary to operate the scheme are made by the government agency at the current market price (the government agency may also import the food as necessary given the domestic/external price relationships).

(4) Cost of measure: Estimate for 2008: $30 million

(5) Date of entry into effect: 1 June 2008

(6) Period of application: Unlimited

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)): No individual product
Case 3

- GAMMA has a set-aside programme in their domestic support system.
- The programme has been covered under the Blue Box (refer to ST DS:3 in Case 7 above) in its Table DS:1 notification.
- In the year 2009, GAMMA expanded the product coverage under the set-aside programme and included soybeans as one of the products eligible for support.
- Will there be a need to circulate a Table DS:2 notification?
- If yes, how should the information be presented in its Table DS:2 notification?

This is a situation where an existing “exempt” measure is modified. A Table DS:2 notification would be required. The measure should be notified as far as practicable before it is adopted and in any event within 30 days of adoption.

Table DS:2 Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(1) Full title of measure:</th>
<th>Regulation amending the set-aside programme No. 371 (amending the Law 320 of 1 January 1998)</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:</td>
<td>Exempt direct payments under Article 6.5(a)(i): The aid is granted to soybean producers under the set-aside programme. Payments made under the set-aside scheme require farmers to set-aside 8% of their arable area. Base area is that shown to have been planted in 1993 and average yields are based on 1992-1994. The payments are based on fixed area and fixed yields and covered under Article 6.5(a)(i) of the Agreement on Agriculture.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(4) Cost of measure:</td>
<td>The additional costs of this measure will be USD 5 million annually.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(5) Date of entry into effect:</td>
<td>1 June 2010</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(6) Period of application:</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):</td>
<td>Soybeans</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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WHAT TO NOTIFY?
The prefix “ES” is used to distinguish the notification formats or “tables” that apply in the area of export subsidies.

In the area of export subsidies, there are three distinct notification requirements, i.e.

- Table ES:1: relating to budgetary outlay and quantity reduction commitments,
- Table ES:2: relating to total exports, and
- Table ES:3: relating to total volume of food aid

RELEVANT REFERENCES

General
- Agriculture gateway (www.wto.org --> trade topics --> agriculture)
- Agriculture Information Management System (http://agims.wto.org/):
  - List of Notifications since 1995
  - Compliance with notification obligations
  - Search and analyse notified information (data sets)
- Results of the Survey on the Improvement of Timeliness and Completeness of Notifications under Existing Procedures (G/AG/GEN/85)
- Improvement of the Submission of Notifications - Documentation Guide (G/AG/W/112 series)
- Annex 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Product Coverage)

Export subsidies
- Members’ WTO Schedule (Section II of Part IV)
- Article 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Definition of Terms)
- Article 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Incorporation of Concessions and Commitments)
- Article 8 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Export Competition Commitments)
- Article 9 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Export Subsidy Commitments)
- Article 10 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Prevention of Circumvention of Export Subsidy Commitments)
- Article 11 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Incorporated Products)
- Members’ Participation in the Normal Growth of World Trade in Agricultural Products - Article 18.5 of the Agreement on Agriculture, Note1 by the Secretariat

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1 Issued as a G/AG/W/32 series document.
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**WHO TO NOTIFY?**

All Members

**WHEN TO NOTIFY?**

- For Members with export subsidy reduction commitments in Part IV of their Schedule:

  No later than 60 days\(^1\) following the end of the calendar (or, marketing, fiscal, etc.) year in question.

  The following are Members with export subsidy reduction commitments in Part IV of their Schedule:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Australia</th>
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<th>Panama</th>
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<td>Indonesia</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
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<td>Brazil</td>
<td>Israel</td>
<td>Switzerland-Liechtenstein</td>
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<td>Canada</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
<td>Turkey</td>
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<tr>
<td>Colombia</td>
<td>New Zealand</td>
<td>United States</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>European Union</td>
<td>Norway</td>
<td>Uruguay</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- For Members with no export subsidy reduction commitments in Part IV of their Schedule:

  No later than 30 days following the end of the calendar (or, marketing, fiscal, etc.) year in question.

**WHAT TO NOTIFY**

(i) For Members with export subsidy reduction commitments in Part IV of their Schedule:

- Amount of export subsidies both in quantity and outlay vis-à-vis the scheduled commitments levels and the amount of food aid for all products subject to scheduled reduction commitments.

- If export subsidies are provided in the year in question, Table ES:1 notification should also contain:
  - the Supporting Table ES:1 (ST ES:1) showing the amount of export subsidies disaggregated according to the various sub-categories (as in columns 2-7 of ST ES:1); and/or
  - if applicable, i.e. in the case of developing country Members, the Supporting Table ES:2 (ST ES:2) showing the amount of export subsidies disaggregated according to the two possible exempt sub-categories of export subsidies (as in columns 3-4 of ST ES:2).

(ii) For Members with no export subsidy reduction commitments in Part IV of their Schedule:

- A confirmation that no export subsidies have been granted (i.e. "Nil statement").

- If the Member is a developing country, application of exempt export subsidies in accordance with Article 9.4. If exempt export subsidies are provided in the year in question as per Article 9.4, the Table ES:1 notification should also contain the ST ES:2 showing the amount of export subsidies disaggregated according to the two possible categories of export subsidies, i.e.:
  - the provision of subsidies to reduce the costs of marketing exports of agricultural products (other than widely available export promotion and advisory services) including handling, upgrading and other processing costs, and the costs of international transport and freight; and
  - internal transport and freight charges on export shipments, provided or mandated by governments, on terms more favourable than for domestic shipments.

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\(^1\) Where the notification submitted within the 60-day period is provisional, the final notification should be submitted no later than 120 days following the end of the year.
### Table ES:1

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: name of Member**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of products (from Section II of Part IV)</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ... (from Section II of Part IV)</th>
<th>Subsidised exports</th>
<th>Food aid¹</th>
<th>Annual commitment levels (from Section II of Part IV)</th>
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<td>Outlays</td>
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<td>Outlays</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
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</table>

¹ Members are to provide data on food aid to all destinations.
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Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Supporting Table ES:1

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES:** name of Member

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments*

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description of products</th>
<th>Direct export subsidies</th>
<th>Sales of stocks</th>
<th>Producer financed subsidies</th>
<th>Cost reduction measures</th>
<th>Internal transport subsidies</th>
<th>Total product specific export subsidies</th>
<th>Quantity of subsidized exports</th>
<th>Data source</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Supporting Table ES:2

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES:** name of Member

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year, marketing year, etc.

*Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments: Developing Country Members using Article 9:1(d) and/or (e) Export Subsidies*

<table>
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</tr>
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</table>
HOW TO NOTIFY

As the case examples below illustrate, the content of a Table ES:1 notification depends upon whether a Member has scheduled export subsidy reduction commitment or not.

Case 1:

- DELTA is a Member with export subsidy reduction commitments for two products, wheat and oranges, in Part IV of its Schedule.
- DELTA provided export subsidies for both scheduled products in the reporting year 2008.
- DELTA provided food aid only in respect of wheat and skimmed milk powder in 2008.
- How should the information be presented in its Table ES:1 notification?
**Table ES:1**

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: DELTA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year 2008

Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of products</th>
<th>Subsidised exports</th>
<th>Food aid(^1)</th>
<th>Annual commitment levels</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Outlays ($ million)</td>
<td>Quantity (tonnes)</td>
<td>Quantity (tonnes)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(from Section II of Part IV)</td>
<td>(from Section II of Part IV)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wheat</td>
<td>calendar year</td>
<td>5.6</td>
<td>114,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oranges</td>
<td>calendar year</td>
<td>0.98</td>
<td>13,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^1\) Members are to provide data on food aid to all destinations.

These are the actual amounts of export subsidies provided in the reporting year 2008.

The information on food aid is required in column 5 of Table ES:1 for all products subject to export subsidy reduction commitments, i.e. wheat and oranges, in this case.

*Why is the information on food aid for skimmed milk powder not included?*

This is because Table ES:1 includes information on food aid only in respect of products which are subject to reduction commitments. Food aid information in respect of other products should be included in Table ES:3 and/or Table NF:1.

*These entries come from the Schedule*
## Supporting Table ES:1

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES:** DELTA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** Calendar year 2008

Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

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<th>Internal transport subsidies ($ million)</th>
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<th>Quantity of subsidized exports (tonnes)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wheat</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>0.3</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.3</td>
<td>5.6</td>
<td>114,000</td>
<td>“2008 Out-goings”, Department of Finance</td>
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<tr>
<td>Oranges</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.98</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.98</td>
<td>13,000</td>
<td>**</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The amounts should match with those in columns 3 and 4 of Table ES:1
Case 2:

- DELTA is a Member with export subsidy reduction commitments for two products, wheat and oranges, in Part IV of its Schedule.
- DELTA provided no export subsidies in the reporting year 2008.
- DELTA did not provide any food aid in respect of the scheduled products.
- How should the information be presented in its Table ES:1 notification?
## Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

**Example 1:**

**Making a Nil Statement using the Table ES:1 format**

<table>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wheat</td>
<td>calendar year</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>7.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oranges</td>
<td>calendar year</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

As in Case 1, these entries come from the Schedule.

Information on food aid in respect of all products subject to reduction commitments is necessary.

Members are to provide data on food aid to all destinations.

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1 Members are to provide data on food aid to all destinations.
Example 2:

Making a Nil statement without using the Table ES:1 format

### Table ES:1

<table>
<thead>
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<th>EXPORT SUBSIDIES: DELTA</th>
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<tr>
<td>REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008</td>
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</table>

*Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments*

Delta notifies that it provided no export subsidies to agricultural products in 2008. It also notifies that no food aid was provided in 2008.

This statement is necessary so as to complete the information required in column 5 of Table ES:1. In the absence of such information on food aid, the notification would be deemed incomplete. In the past, where the original Table ES:1 notification did not contain the information on food aid, it was sometimes included subsequently in the form of an addendum, e.g. G/AG/N/COL/26/Add.1, G/AG/N/IDN/13/Add.1.
Case 3:

- EPSILON is a Member with no export subsidy reduction commitments in Part IV of its Schedule.
- EPSILON provided no export subsidies in the reporting year 2008.
- How should the information be presented in its Table ES:1 notification?
Table ES:1

EXPORT SUBSIDIES: EPSILON

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008

Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Epsilon notifies that it provided no export subsidies to agricultural products during the calendar year 2008.

In this case, the information on food aid is not required to be included in column 5 of Table ES:1. This is because EPSILON is a Member without export subsidy reduction commitments.
Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Case 4:

- PHI is a developing country Member with no export subsidy reduction commitments in Part IV of its Schedule.
- PHI provided only categories of export subsidies in the year 2000 for which it had claimed exemption in accordance with Article 9.4.1
- How should the information be presented in its Table ES:1 notification?

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1 Under the Agreement on Agriculture, the exemption in respect of export subsidies under Article 9.4 applies to developing country members during the implementation period, provided that these are not applied in a manner that would circumvent reduction commitments.
<table>
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<td>Quantity</td>
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</table>

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

In accordance with the notification requirements (paragraph (ii), page 24 of document G/AG/2), PHI notifies that the only export subsidies provided to agricultural products in 2000 were those covered by Article 9.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture as set out in Supporting Table ES:2 attached.
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Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

EXPORT SUBSIDIES: PHI

REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2000

Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments: Developing Country Members using Article 9:1(d) and/or (e) Export Subsidies

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of products</th>
<th>Cost reduction measures ($ million)</th>
<th>Internal transport subsidies ($ million)</th>
<th>Total product specific export subsidies ($ million)</th>
<th>Quantity of subsidized exports (tonnes)</th>
<th>Data source</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Coarse grains</td>
<td>6 (1)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>12,560</td>
<td>&quot;Budget Book 2000&quot;, Department of Agriculture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bovine meat</td>
<td>10 (2)</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>5,781</td>
<td>**</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(1) Includes the provision of subsidies to assist in preparing the cereals for export and to ensure that quality standards are fully maintained.
(2) Subsidies on transport from out-lying islands to a central point for export.
WHAT TO NOTIFY?

(i) For Members with export subsidy reduction commitments in Part IV of their Schedule:

Amount of total exports for all products subject to reduction commitments.

(ii) For following Members designated as “significant exporter” for the concerned product or product group(s):

Amount of total exports for all products or product group(s) in respect of which it is designated as “significant exporter”.

Members with no scheduled export subsidy reduction commitments, or Members who are not “significant exporters”, are not required to submit any Table ES:2 notification.

GOOD TO KNOW!

In March 2014, the Committee on Agriculture concluded the work on the review of the list of significant exporters. In the absence of an agreement on the revised list of significant exporters, the Chairman, under his own responsibility, issued a detailed report outlining the progress that was achieved with regard to various transparency issues and simultaneously outlined the issues that could not be resolved preventing a consensus-based adoption of the significant exporters outcome. The report included a table, based on FAO data, identifying Members having a share exceeding 5% in total world exports for the three preceding years for which data was available (2009-2011), and also summarized a number of additional transparency elements that Members discussed for incorporation in the ES2 notification, for example, to use a revised ES2 notification format, to disaggregate information in the ES2 Table, or to have a common product definition based on the Harmonized System to enhance the comparability of total exports information for a product across all significant exporters. The Chairman also made it clear that the report did not imply any change in Members’ existing notification obligations.

The Chairman encouraged Members to start implementing, on a voluntary basis, the progress already achieved towards enhanced transparency of Table ES:2 notifications and recommended:

• For Members who were required to submit an annual ES2 notification based on the 1995 list of significant exporters, and who no longer appear in the list annexed in the Chair’s written report of Members holding a share exceeding 5% in world agricultural trade of particular products based on recent data, the Chairperson suggested that those Members might simply inform the Committee about their decision to make (or not to make) a Table ES:2 notification in view of their current share in world agricultural trade.

• Similarly, in the interest of transparency, those Members, who were included in the list contained in the Chair’s written report, but who did not appear in the 1995 list of significant exporters, might consider making a Table ES:2 notification in respect of the relevant products on a voluntary basis.

1 During the first two years of implementation, where the notification submitted within the 120 day period was provisional for any product or group of products, the final notification was to be submitted no later than 180 days following the end of the year.

2 G/AG/W/123

3 G/AG/R/74 para. 2.6
HOW TO NOTIFY

Case 1:

- DELTA is a Member with export subsidy reduction commitments for two products, wheat and oranges, in Part IV of its Schedule.
- DELTA is not listed as a “significant exporter” for any product or product group(s).
- How should the information be presented in its Table ES:2 notification?
Table ES:2 Notification of Total Exports

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of products</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Quantity of total exports</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
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## EXPORT SUBSIDIES: DELTA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year 2008

**Export Subsidies:** Notification of Total Exports

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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wheat</td>
<td>calendar year</td>
<td>122,000 *</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oranges</td>
<td>calendar year</td>
<td>13,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Exports also took place without export subsidization due to high international market prices.

All products subject to export subsidy reduction commitments, i.e. wheat and oranges, are to be included in Table ES:2.

Such a clarification is generally expected from the notifying Member whenever the quantity of total exports in column 3 of Table ES:2 exceeds the scheduled quantity commitment level for the product concerned (e.g. wheat, please refer to **Case 1** above under **Table ES:1**). This is keeping in view the provision in **Article 10.3** of the Agreement on Agriculture.
Case 2:

- GAMMA is a Member with export subsidy reduction commitments for a single product, soybean oil, in Part IV of its Schedule.
- GAMMA is included in the list of “significant exporters” in respect of coarse grains.
- How should the information be presented in its Table ES:2 notification?
**Table ES:2**

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year 2008

*Export Subsidies: Notification of Total Exports*

<table>
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<tr>
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<td>2</td>
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</table>

| Soybean oil            | calendar year                      | 250,000                           |
| Coarse grains*         | calendar year                      | 631,750                           |

*As required under G/AG/2/Add.1

This is a product in respect of which GAMMA is required to supply the relevant information, as a designated “significant exporter”.

This is the only product subject to export subsidy reduction commitments.
Case 3:

- EPSILON is a Member with no export subsidy reduction commitments in Part IV of its Schedule.
- EPSILON is included in the list of "significant exporters" in respect of rice.
- How should the information be presented in its Table ES:2 notification?
### Table ES:2 Notification of Total Exports

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: EPSILON**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year 2008

**Export Subsidies: Notification of Total Exports**

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<tr>
<td>Rice*</td>
<td>calendar year</td>
<td>182,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* As required under G/AG/2/Add.1
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WHO?

- Only food aid donor Members.

WHEN?

- No later than 120 days following the end of the year in question.

WHAT TO NOTIFY?

- Quantity of total food aid to all destinations (unless this information is already required to be provided in column 5 of Table ES:1, i.e. for Members with export subsidy reduction commitments for relevant products inscribed in the Schedule.)

HOW TO NOTIFY

Case 1:

- DELTA provided wheat and skimmed milk powder as food aid in the year 2008.
- How should the information be presented in its Table ES:3 notification?
Table ES:3 Notification of the total volume of food aid

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of products</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning ...</th>
<th>Quantity of food aid to all destinations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Table ES:3** Notification of the total volume of food aid

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description of products</th>
<th>Calendar / marketing year beginning</th>
<th>Quantity of food aid to all destinations (tonnes)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Skim milk powder</td>
<td>calendar year</td>
<td>1,564</td>
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</table>

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: DELTA**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year 2008

Export Subsidies: Notification of the total volume of food aid

Why has the food aid data in respect of wheat not been included in Table ES:3?

- It should have already been included in column 5 of Table ES:1 as this is a product in respect of which DELTA has export subsidy reduction commitments (please refer to Case 1 above under Table ES:1).

- There are, however, examples of notifications where food aid information is included in column 5 of Table ES:1 for a product subject to reduction commitment and the same product also appears in Table ES:3. The explanation generally provided for such cases is that the amount of food aid in column 5 of Table ES:1 is sourced domestically whereas the amount of food aid in Table ES:3 for the same product may be either locally sourced in the recipient country, or sourced from third countries through triangular transactions. (e.g. footnote 2 to Table ES:3 in G/AG/N/EEC/61).
Table ES:3 Notification of the total volume of food aid

Case 2:

- ALFA did not provide any food aid in the year 2008
- Could ALFA "skip" this notification requirement? If not, when should it notify?

Yes, ALFA can skip Table ES:3 notification requirement. Table ES:3 notification is required only when food aid is actually provided in the relevant year.

There are some examples of notifications, however, where Nil statements have been provided, e.g. G/AG/N/URY/5, G/AG/N/BRA/1.
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WHAT TO NOTIFY?

The prefix “ER” is used to distinguish the notification formats or “tables” that apply in the area of export prohibitions and restrictions.

In the area of export prohibitions and restrictions, there is only one distinct notification requirement, i.e.

- **Table ER:1**: relating to export prohibitions and restrictions under Article 12 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

RELEVANT REFERENCES

General

- Agriculture gateway (www.wto.org --> trade topics --> agriculture)
- Agriculture Information Management System (http://agims.wto.org):
  - List of Notifications since 1995
  - Compliance with notification obligations
  - Search and analyse notified information (data sets)
- Results of the Survey on the Improvement of Timeliness and Completeness of Notifications under Existing Procedures (G/AG/GEN/85)
- Improvement of the Submission of Notifications - Documentation Guide (G/AG/W/112 series)
- Annex 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Product Coverage)

Export Prohibitions and Restrictions

- Article 12 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Disciplines on Export Prohibitions and Restrictions)
- Paragraph 2(a) of Article XI of GATT 1994.
NOTIFICATION FORMAT

WHO?
- All Members instituting an export prohibition or restriction. Developing country Members are obliged to notify only when they are net-exporter of the product concerned.

WHEN?
- Only when such measures are introduced: this is an ad hoc notification requirement.
- When such measures are introduced, Table ER:1 notification should be submitted as far as practicable in advance of the institution of the measure.

WHAT TO NOTIFY
- Details of the measure:
  - product coverage;
  - duration;
  - nature of; and justification for the measure.
How to Notify?

Case 1

- ALFA introduces an export quota on wheat to apply with effect from 30 April 2010.
- When and how should the information be presented in its Table ER:1 notification?

An ad hoc Table ER:1 notification would be required prior to the institution of the measure.

What if ALFA is a developing country Member:

Notification requirement would not apply unless ALFA is a net-exporter of wheat. Please refer to Article 12.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

### Table ER:1

**Export Restrictions: ALFA**

**Notification under Article 12 of the Agreement: Export prohibitions and restrictions**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(1) Description of product:</th>
<th>Wheat</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(2) Tariff item number(s):</td>
<td>10.01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(3) Nature of, and justification for, measure to be introduced:</td>
<td>Pursuant to Article XI, paragraph 2(a) of GATT 1994 and in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture, an export quota system is being introduced in order to prevent a critical shortage in the domestic market resulting from a drought-related poor harvest of wheat. ALFA is prepared to enter into consultation, under Article 12, paragraph 1(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture, with any Member having a substantial interest as an importer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(4) Duration of application of measure:</td>
<td>The measure will be applied from 30 April 2010 to 15 September 2010 at which time supplies from the new season’s harvest should be entering the market.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Follow-up to the NFIDC Decision

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

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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

- Agriculture gateway (www.wto.org --> trade topics --> agriculture)
- Agriculture Information Management System (http://agims.wto.org/):
  - List of Notifications since 1995
  - Compliance with notification obligations
  - Search and analyse notified information (data sets)
- Results of the Survey on the Improvement of Timeliness and Completeness of Notifications under Existing Procedures (G/AG/GEN/85)
- Improvement of the Submission of Notifications - Documentation Guide (G/AG/W/112 series)
- 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/ series document)
- 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.
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 to 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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**Table NF:1**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>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: name of Member</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.</td>
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</table>

(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:
Follow-up to the NFIDC Decision

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

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?
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

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2009

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Product</th>
<th>Quantity of food aid to least-developed country Members</th>
<th>Quantity of food aid to net food-importing developing country Members (G/AG/G/Rev.8)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wheat</td>
<td>6,000 t</td>
<td>2,000 t</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Skim milk powder</td>
<td>1,500 t</td>
<td>64 t</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(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 cost around $120,000 in the year 2009. The measure intends to contribute towards strengthening human infrastructure in the beneficiary countries.

Attachment 1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Recipient Country</th>
<th>Actual Amount ($ million)</th>
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<td>Burkina Faso</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eritrea</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Haiti</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>Nepal</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicaragua</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>130</strong></td>
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<td>Area</td>
<td>Notification requirement</td>
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<td><strong>MARKET ACCESS</strong></td>
<td>Tariff and other quota commitments Table MA:1</td>
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<td>Special safeguard provisions Table MA:3</td>
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<td>Special safeguard provisions Table MA:5</td>
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<td><strong>DOMESTIC SUPPORT</strong></td>
<td>Current Total AMS Table DS:1 (and, as appropriate, Supporting Tables DS:1 to DS:9)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>New or modified exempt measures Table DS:2</td>
</tr>
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| EXPORT SUBSIDIES | Export subsidies: budgetary outlay and quantity reduction commitments  
Table ES:1  
(and, as appropriate) Supporting Tables ES:1 and/or ES:2) | Export subsidies against budgetary outlay and quantity reduction commitments, if applicable | Annual | All Members |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------|
|                   | Export subsidies: notification of total exports  
Table ES:2 | Quantity of total exports | Annual | Members with export subsidy reduction commitments plus "significant exporters" as set out in G/AG/2/Add.1 |
|                   | Export subsidies: notification of total volume of food aid  
Table ES:3 | Quantity of total food aid | Annual | All Members which are food aid donors |
| EXPORT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS | Notification under Article 12 of the Agreement: export prohibitions and restrictions  
Table ER:1 | Institution of an export prohibition or restriction | Ad hoc | All Members (except developing country Members unless they are net food-exporter of the product concerned) |
| NFDC DECISION | 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  
Table NF:1 | Actions taken within the framework of the Decision: items (1) to (3) of Table NF:1  
Other specific actions related to the Decision item (4) of Table NF:1 | Annual | All Members, which provide food aid and technical or financial assistance to such countries |
| | | | Ad hoc | |