

# Handbook on Notification Requirements

## Under the Agreement on Agriculture



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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<sup>1</sup> 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 web site.

### Council for Trade in Goods (CTG)

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Working Group on Notification Obligations and Procedures<sup>2</sup>, 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.<sup>3</sup>

### 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".

<sup>1</sup> As of October 2009, this document is regularly updated and circulated as an official and unrestricted document in the G/AG/GEN/86/ series.

<sup>2</sup> See G/L/112.

<sup>3</sup> These documents are circulated in the G/L/223/series.

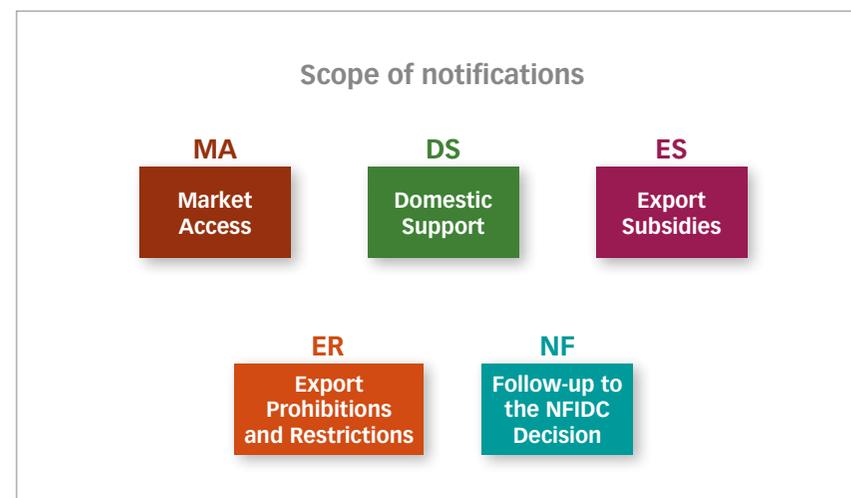
## SOURCE

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.

## NOTIFICATION FORMATS

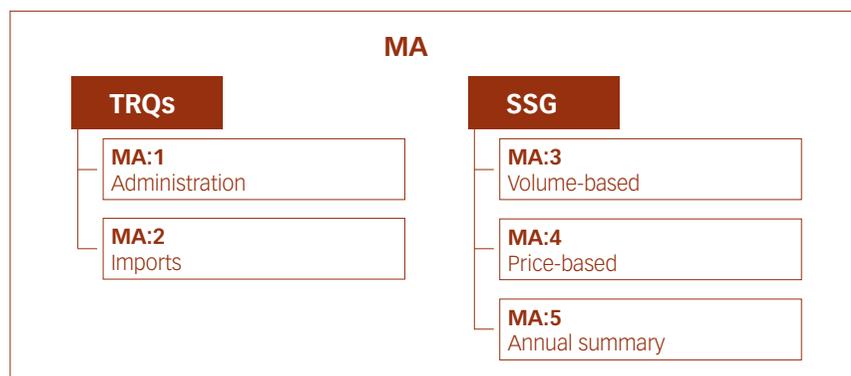
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### WHAT TO NOTIFY ?

- ▶ 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 \(www.wto.org --> trade topics --> agriculture\)](http://www.wto.org)
- [Agriculture Information Management System \(http://agims.wto.org/\)](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 Schedule<sup>1</sup> (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).

<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tariffs_e/tao_help_e.htm).

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

## NOTIFICATION FORMAT

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### 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.

Australia	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Nicaragua
Barbados	Guatemala	Norway
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Iceland	Panama
Brazil	India	Philippines
Canada	Indonesia	Russian Federation
Chile	Israel	South Africa
China	Japan	Switzerland-Liechtenstein
Colombia	Korea	Chinese Taipei
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Thailand
Dominican Republic	Mexico	Tunisia
Ecuador	Moldova	Ukraine
El Salvador	Morocco	United States
European Union	New Zealand	Viet Nam

### 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.

### ► Four pieces of information:

- Allocation to supplying countries
- Allocation of licences to importers
- Details of other arrangements (not involving import licences)
- Other relevant information



### 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 its 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 Implementation of market access opportunities: tariff and other quota commitments

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*

Description of products  (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description  (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Description of import arrangement applicable
1	2	3

Description of the arrangements to be applied in order to provide the market access opportunities specified in the Member's Schedule, including, as appropriate:

- (a) allocation of quotas to supplying countries, including: (i) details of basis for determining the allocation (e.g. representative period or "other terms and conditions" as specified in Part I, Section I of Schedules); (ii) any limitation on the period of access;
- (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;
- (c) details of other arrangements (not involving import licenses) under which access to quotas is to be administered;
- (d) any other information relevant to the implementation of market access opportunities under such arrangements.

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

Table MA:1 Case 1 (e.g. G/AG/N/KOR/1)

**MARKET ACCESS: Alfa**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 1995**

*Implementation of market access opportunities: tariff and other quota commitments*

Description of products (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Description of import arrangement applicable
1	2	3

Butter	0405.00.00
Potatoes	0701.10.00
	0701.90.00

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.

- (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.
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- (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.

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

► **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 Case 2 (e.g. G/AG/N/KOR/3)

**MARKET ACCESS: Alfa**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2007**

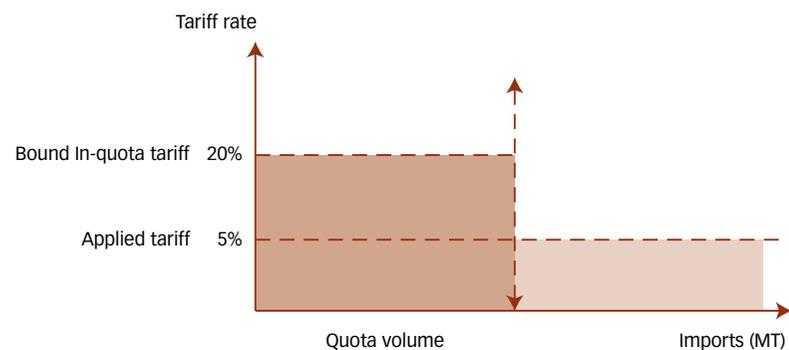
*Implementation of market access opportunities: tariff and other quota commitments*

Description of products  (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description  (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Description of import arrangement applicable
1	2	3
Butter	0405.00.00	<p><b>(a) Allocation to supplying countries:</b></p> <p>(i) 1000 t is allocated to Country X, 750 t to Country Y while the remainder is globally available;</p> <p>(ii) The tariff quota is open from 1 January to 31 December.</p> <p><b>(b) Allocation of licences to importers:</b></p> <p>(i) Allocations are made by the Department of External Trade in consultation with the Department of Agriculture;</p> <p>(ii) Any company or individual registered for tax purposes may apply for an import licence;</p> <p>(iii) Licences are issued on a first-come, first-served basis with a <i>pro rata</i> allocation should the request for licences exceed the tariff quota quantity;</p> <p>(iv) Licences are valid for four months from the date of issue.</p> <p><b>(c) Details of other arrangements (not involving import licences):</b> Not applicable.</p> <p><b>(d) Other relevant information:</b> Further information on the tariff quota allocation is published in the national gazette.</p>

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

► 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%).



- 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.

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

Table MA:1 Case 3 (e.g. G/AG/N/KOR/33)

**MARKET ACCESS: Alfa**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2008**

*Implementation of market access opportunities: tariff and other quota commitments*

Description of products	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description	Description of import arrangement applicable
(from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	(from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	
1	2	3
Butter	0405.00.00	<p>(a) <b>Allocation to supplying countries:</b> Not applicable.            (b) <b>Allocation of licences to importers:</b> Not applicable            (c) <b>Details of other arrangements (not involving import licences):</b> Not applicable.            (d) <b>Other relevant information:</b> 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.</p>

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

► **Case 4:**

- ALFA undertakes tariff renegotiations under Article XXVIII of GATT 1994.
- 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.**

Table MA:1 **Case 4 (e.g. G/AG/N/CHL/17)**

**MARKET ACCESS: Alfa**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2009**

*Implementation of market access opportunities: tariff and other quota commitments*

Description of products	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description	Description of import arrangement applicable
(from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	(from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	
1	2	3
Barley	1003.00.00	<p><b>(a) Allocation to supplying countries:</b> Global quota.</p> <p><b>(b) Allocation of licences to importers:</b></p> <p>(i) Allocations are made by the Alfa Cereal Association.</p> <p>(ii) Licences are issued on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>(iii) Quota allocations are valid for a calendar year; import permits are valid for 90 days.</p> <p><b>(c) Details of other arrangements (not involving import licences):</b> Not applicable.</p> <p><b>(d) Other relevant information:</b> Further information is available on the website of the Alfa Cereal Association (<a href="http://www.cerealassociation.alfa">www.cerealassociation.alfa</a>).</p>

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

### NOTIFICATION FORMAT

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### WHO?

Only Members having tariff quota commitments specified in their WTO Schedules of commitments are required to submit Table MA:2 notifications.

Australia	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Nicaragua
Barbados	Guatemala	Norway
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Iceland	Panama
Brazil	India	Philippines
Canada	Indonesia	Russian Federation
Chile	Israel	South Africa
China	Japan	Switzerland-Liechtenstein
Colombia	Korea	Chinese Taipei
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Thailand
Dominican Republic	Mexico	Tunisia
Ecuador	Moldova	Ukraine
El Salvador	Morocco	United States
European Union	New Zealand	Viet Nam

### 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

Table MA:2

**MARKET ACCESS: name of Member**
**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**
*Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments*

Description of products	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description	Tariff quota quantity for period in question	In-quota imports during period
(from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	(from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	(derived from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	
1	2	3	4

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

Table MA:2 Case 1 (e.g. G/AG/N/KOR/5)

**MARKET ACCESS: Alfa**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2007**

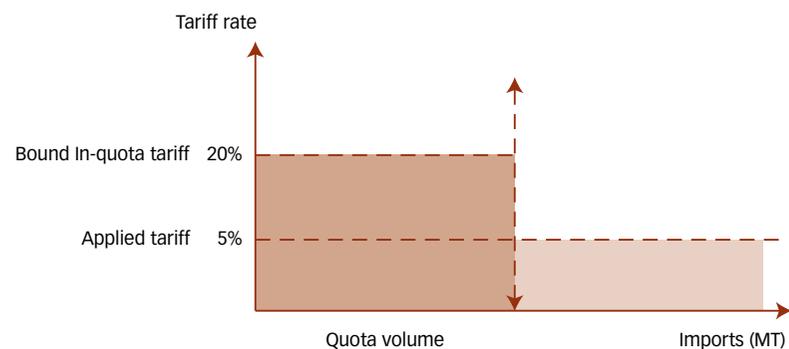
*Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments*

Description of products (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Tariff quota quantity for period in question (tonnes) (derived from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	In-quota imports during period (tonnes)
1	2	3	4
Butter	0405.00.00	500	500
Potatoes	0701.10.00	}	450
	0701.90.00	}	150
	total	}	<b>600</b>

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

► **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 MA:2

Case 2, Example 1  
(e.g. G/AG/N/NIC/23,  
G/AG/N/NOR/53,  
G/AG/N/CRI/25)

**MARKET ACCESS: Alfa**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2008**

*Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments*

Description of products (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Tariff quota quantity for period in question (tonnes) (derived from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	In-quota imports during period (tonnes)
1	2	3	4
Potatoes	0701.10.00	}	450
	0701.90.00	}	150
	total	}	<b>600</b>

**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 MA:2

Case 2, Example 2  
(e.g. G/AG/N/AUS/66,  
G/AG/N/NZL/55)

**MARKET ACCESS: Alfa**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2008**

*Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments*

Description of products (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Tariff quota quantity for period in question (tonnes) (derived from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	In-quota imports during period (tonnes)
1	2	3	4
Butter <sup>1</sup>	0405.00.00	500	720
Potatoes	0701.10.00	}	450
	0701.90.00	}	150
	total	}	<b>600</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

**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"<sup>1</sup>.

At the 75<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee on Agriculture in November 2014<sup>2</sup>, 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  $((4/3)*100)$ .

**Table MA:2**
**MARKET ACCESS: NAME OF MEMBER**

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR, MARKETING YEAR, ETC...

*Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments*

Description of products	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description	Tariff quota quantity for period in question	In-quota imports during period	Fill rate (%)
(from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	(from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	(derived from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)		
1	2	3	4	5 $((4/3)*100)$

<sup>1</sup> WT/MIN(13)/39, paragraph 6

<sup>2</sup> G/AG/R/76, para. 2.16

## Table MA:3 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-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:3 notification.

Members with scheduled SSG rights, but not having invoked volume-based SSG, are not required to make a Table MA:3 notification. This is an *ad hoc* requirement.

Australia	Indonesia	Philippines
Barbados	Israel	South Africa
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Japan	Swaziland
Botswana	Korea	Switzerland-Liechtenstein
Canada	Malaysia	Chinese Taipei
Colombia	Mexico	Thailand
Costa Rica	Morocco	Tunisia
Ecuador	Namibia	United States
El Salvador	New Zealand	Uruguay
European Union	Nicaragua	
Guatemala	Norway	
Iceland	Panama	

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

Table MA:3

**MARKET ACCESS: name of Member**

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

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**(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))

Table MA:3 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-based

**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

► **Example 1:**

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

Table MA:3 Case 1, Example 1  
(e.g. G/AG/N/JPN/152,  
G/AG/N/TPKM/53)

**MARKET ACCESS: BETA**

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

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

*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.**

Table MA:3 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-based

**SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: VOLUME-BASED: Annex 1 to MA:3**

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

Imports in the 3 preceding years: (tonnes)	2005:	550
	2006:	566
	2007:	570
	Average:	<b>562</b>

And if import penetration is taken into account:

Consumption in the 3 preceding years: (tonnes)	2005:	990
	2006:	1010
	2007:	1000
	Average:	<b>1000</b>

*Imports and consumption data should correspond to the same period.  
**Refer to Article 5.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture***

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):

Import penetration	=	562/1000	
	=	56%	(base trigger therefore equals 105%)
Trigger level	=	(x)+(y)	
	=	(105% x 562 tonnes) + (1000 tonnes - 1010 tonnes)	
	=	590 + (- 10) tonnes	
	=	590 tonnes	

*Why has 105% been used as the base trigger?  
**Refer to Article 5.4(c) of the Agreement on Agriculture***

*Why were (-10) tonnes not accounted for in the calculations?  
**Trigger level shall not be less than 105%. Refer to Article 5.4 (last sentence) of the Agreement on Agriculture.***

Table MA:3 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-based

► Example 2:

When domestic consumption data is either not available or not taken into account in the trigger calculations.

Table MA:3

Case 1, Example 2  
(e.g. G/AG/N/JPN/70,  
G/AG/N/TPKM/45)

**MARKET ACCESS: BETA**

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

<b>(1) Description of product:</b>	Butter
<b>(2) Tariff item number:</b>	0405.00.00
<b>(3) Trigger level:</b> (as calculated in Annex 1)	703 tonnes
<b>(4) Volume of imports entering territory in current period:</b>	710 tonnes
<b>(5) Period of application:</b> (calendar/marketing year or shorter period for perishable or seasonal products (specify))	from 20 November 2008 to 31 December 2008

Volume in entry 4 has to exceed the trigger volume in entry 3.  
**Refer to Article 5.1(a) of the Agreement on Agriculture**

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.**

Table MA:3 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-based

**SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: VOLUME-BASED: Annex 1 to MA:3**

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

Imports in the 3 preceding years: (tonnes)	2005:	550
	2006:	566
	2007:	570
	Average:	<b>562</b>

And if import penetration is **not** taken into account:

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Trigger level} &= (x)+(y) \\
 &= (125\% \times 562 \text{ tonnes}) \\
 &= 703 \text{ tonnes}
 \end{aligned}$$

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.

Australia	Iceland	Norway
Barbados	Indonesia	Panama
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Israel	Philippines
Botswana	Japan	South Africa
Canada	Korea	Swaziland
Colombia	Malaysia	Switzerland-Liechtenstein
Costa Rica	Mexico	Chinese Taipei
Ecuador	Morocco	Thailand
El Salvador	Namibia	Tunisia
European Union	New Zealand	United States
Guatemala	Nicaragua	Uruguay



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

Table MA:4

**MARKET ACCESS: name of Member**

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

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**A: "UP-FRONT" NOTIFICATION OF TRIGGER PRICES**

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

Tariff item number	Description of product	Trigger price
		(as calculated in Annex 1)

**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:**

Table MA:4 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: price-based

**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:

Table MA:4 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: price-based

Table MA:4

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.*

**A: "UP-FRONT" NOTIFICATION OF TRIGGER PRICES**

Tariff item number	Description of product	Trigger price (\$/tonne)
(as calculated in Annex 1)		
0405.00.00	Butter	1250
0701.10.00	Seed potatoes	876

Table MA:4 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: price-based

## SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: PRICE-BASED: Annex 1 to Table MA:4

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

0405.00.00	<b>Butter</b>	
Prices in the reference period: (\$ per tonne)	1986: <span style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;"> </span>	1000
	1987: <span style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;"> </span>	1300
	1988: <span style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;"> </span>	1450
	Average:	<b>1250</b>

Why is data on reference price for 1986-88 used?  
**Refer to Article 5.1(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture**

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

0701.10.00	<b>Seed potatoes</b>	
Prices in the reference period: (\$ per tonne)	1986: <span style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;"> </span>	777
	1987: <span style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;"> </span>	1000
	1988: <span style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;"> </span>	851
	Average:	<b>876</b>

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

Table MA:4 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: price-based

► **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?

Table MA:4 Case 2  
(e.g. G/AG/N/JPN/40)

**MARKET ACCESS: BETA**

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

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**B: AD HOC NOTIFICATION**

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

When to notify this measure?  
**Normally before 15 May 2008 but before 25 May 2008.**

Table MA:4 Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: price-based

### 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: (\$ per tonne)	1986:	800
	1987:	900
	1988:	850
	Average:	<b>850</b>

*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)**

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

Table MA:5 Annual summary of special safeguard actions taken

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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	Iceland	Norway
Barbados	Indonesia	Panama
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Israel	Philippines
Botswana	Japan	South Africa
Canada	Korea	Swaziland
Colombia	Malaysia	Switzerland-Liechtenstein
Costa Rica	Mexico	Chinese Taipei
Ecuador	Morocco	Thailand
El Salvador	Namibia	Tunisia
European Union	New Zealand	United States
Guatemala	Nicaragua	Uruguay



### WHEN?

- No later than 30 days following the year in question.

## 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?

Table MA:5 Annual summary of special safeguard actions taken

Table MA:5

**MARKET ACCESS: name of Member**

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

*Annual summary of special safeguard actions taken*

Tariff item number	Description of product	Whether volume-based action taken during period	Whether price-based action taken during period
1	2	3	4

Table MA:5 Annual summary of special safeguard actions taken

Table MA:5

Case 1  
(e.g. G/AG/N/TPKM/65)

**MARKET ACCESS: BETA**

When to notify this measure?  
**No later than 30 January 2009.**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2008**

*Annual summary of special safeguard actions taken*

Tariff item number	Description of product	Whether volume-based action taken during period	Whether price-based action taken during period
1	2	3	4
0405.00.00	Butter	Action taken during 20 September 2008 to 31 December 2008	No action taken
0808.10.00	Apples	No action taken	Action commenced 15 May 2008.

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).

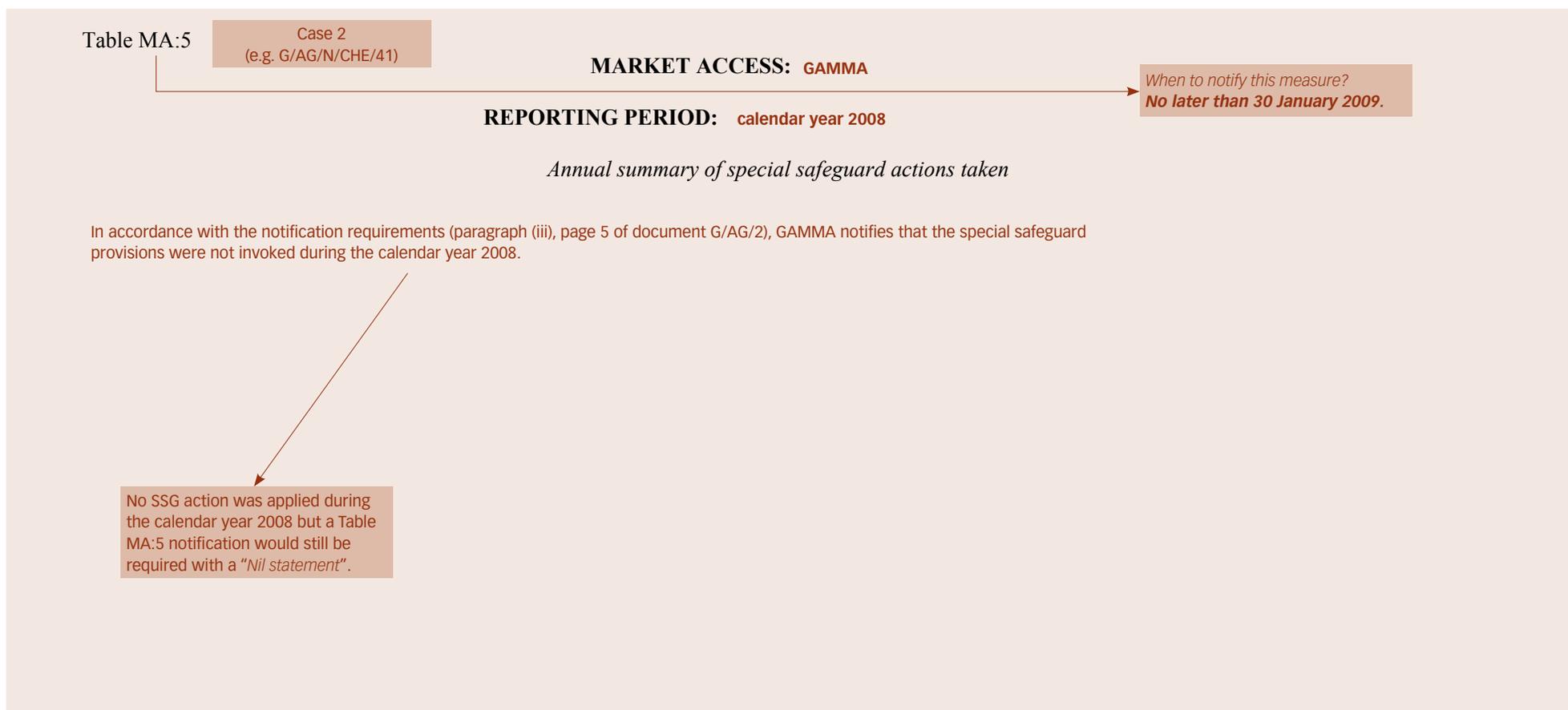
No concurrent action  
**Refer to Article 5.1(a) of the Agreement on Agriculture**

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.

Table MA:5 Annual summary of special safeguard actions taken

► **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?





## NOTIFICATION FORMATS

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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



## RELEVANT REFERENCES

### General

- [Agriculture gateway \(www.wto.org --> trade topics --> agriculture\)](http://www.wto.org)
- [Agriculture Information Management System \(http://agims.wto.org/\):](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)

## Table DS:1 Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

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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.<sup>1</sup>
- **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**).

<sup>1</sup> 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 Current total aggregate measurement of support

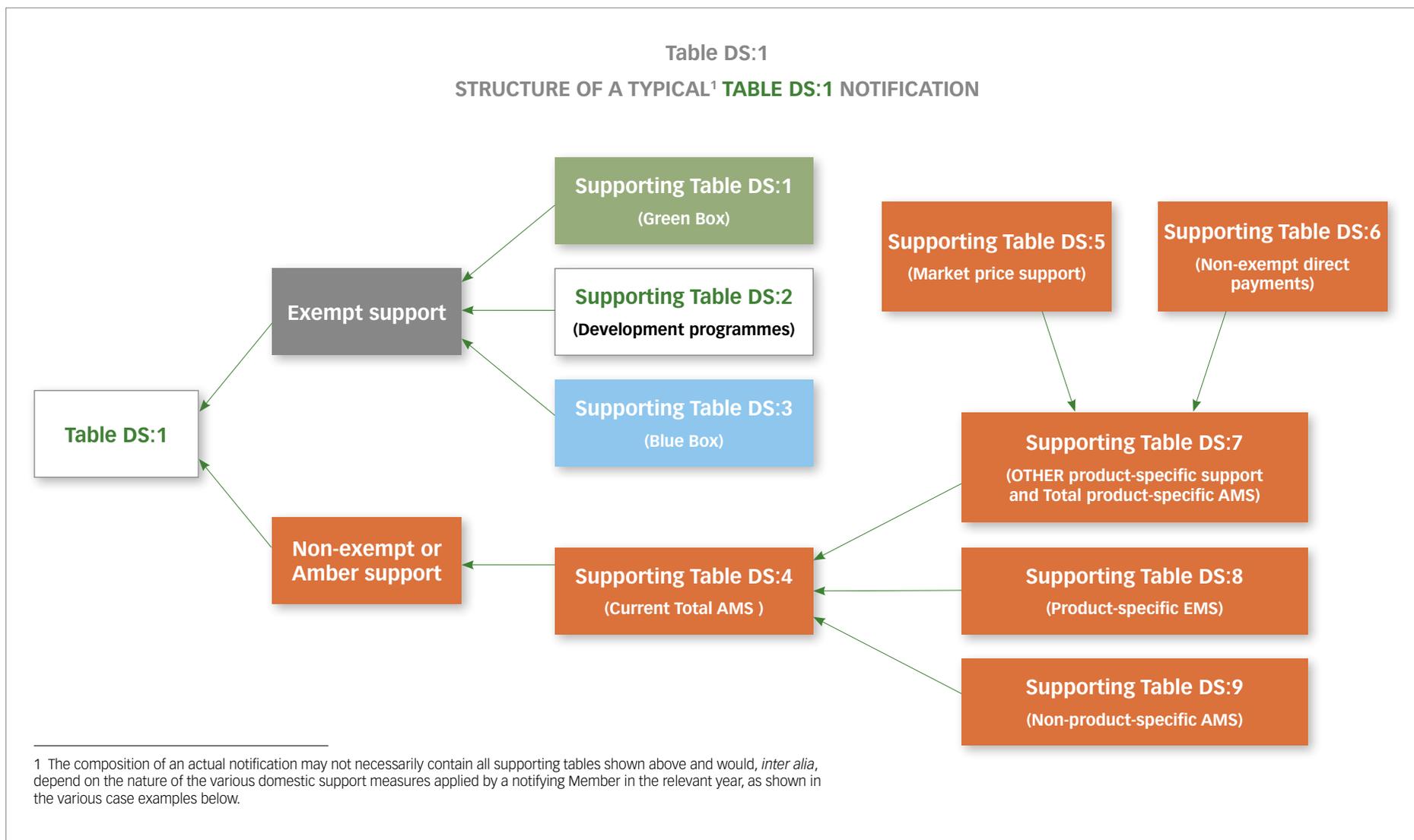


Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

What to notify		Which Table/Supporting Table <sup>1</sup> (ST DS)	Comments
Overall <b>non-exempt</b> support amount (i.e. Current Total AMS)		<b>Table DS:1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>As shown in later case examples, it may also be used to notify               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that no domestic support measure was applied (Nil statement), or</li> <li>a statement that all non-exempt support was covered under the <i>de minimis</i> exemption.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
These <b>three</b> supporting tables cover " <b>exempt</b> " categories of support.	<b>Green Box</b> measures (Annex 2)	<b>ST DS:1</b>	All Green Box measures, if existing, in the relevant year would need to be included in <b>ST DS:1</b> along with the <u>monetary value</u>
	<b>Development Programmes</b> (Article 6.2) (applicable only to developing country Members)	<b>ST DS:2</b>	All measures, if existing, in the relevant year covered under Article 6.2 are reported here along with the <u>monetary value</u>
	<b>Blue Box</b> measures (Article 6.5)	<b>ST DS:3</b>	All Blue Box measures, if existing, in the relevant year are reported here along with the <u>monetary value</u>
These <b>six</b> supporting tables cover " <b>Non-exempt</b> " or <b>Amber Box</b> support.	Calculation of <b>Current Total AMS</b>	<b>ST DS:4</b>	Product-specific AMS ( <b>ST DS:7</b> ) or EMS ( <b>ST DS:8</b> ) for <u>all</u> products receiving such support and total non-product-specific AMS ( <b>ST DS:9</b> ) are summed up here. Support amounts (whether product-specific or non-product-specific) that are claimed to be within the relevant <i>de minimis</i> levels are left out of summation. Total support is called "Current Total AMS" and is carried over to column 3 of Table DS:1.
	<b>Market price support</b>	<b>ST DS:5</b>	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.
	Non-exempt <b>direct payments</b>	<b>ST DS:6</b>	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.
	Other product-specific support, and <b>Total Product-specific AMS</b>	<b>ST DS:7</b>	All other product-specific support measures, i.e. not covered under either market price support ( <b>ST DS:5</b> ) or non-exempt direct payments ( <b>ST DS:6</b> ) are included in <b>ST DS:7</b> . Since market price support and non-exempt direct payments measures (as taken from <b>ST DS:5</b> and <b>ST DS:6</b> respectively) are also included in <b>ST DS:7</b> , this table consolidates <u>Total</u> product-specific AMS for <u>all products</u> receiving non-exempt support.
	Product-specific <b>EMS</b>	<b>ST DS:8</b>	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.
	<b>Non-product-specific AMS</b>	<b>ST DS:9</b>	All <u>individual</u> 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 <b>ST DS:4</b> .

<sup>1</sup> 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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

## 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.

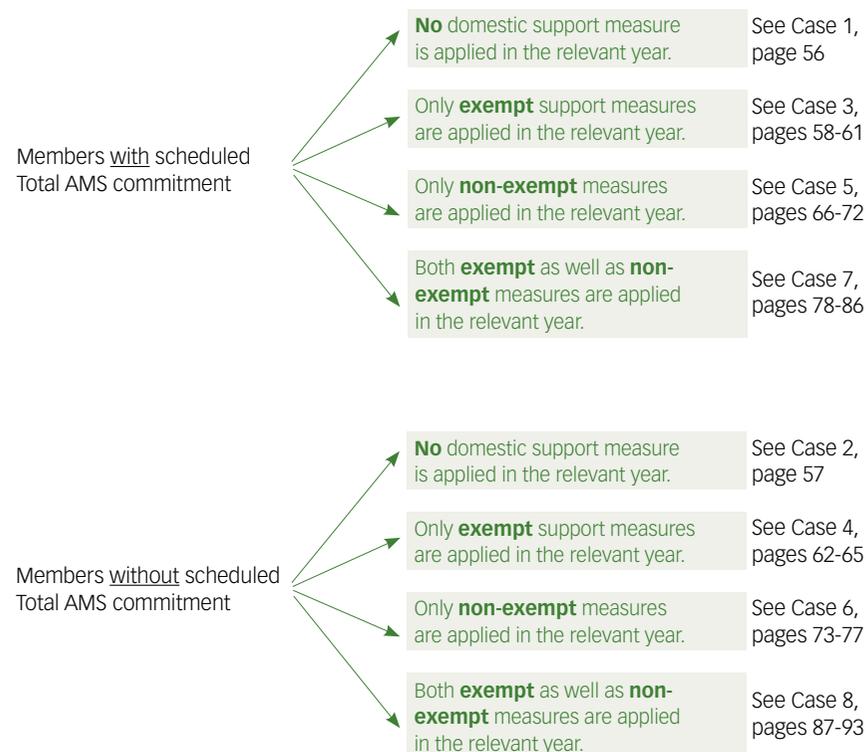
**These four situations may then apply to the following two categories of Members:**

(a) Members with Total AMS commitment<sup>1</sup> in Part IV of the Schedule, as follows:

Argentina	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Australia	Jordan	South Africa
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Korea	Switzerland-Liechtenstein
Brazil	Mexico	Chinese Taipei
Canada	Moldova	Tajikistan
Colombia	Montenegro	Thailand
Costa Rica	Morocco	Tunisia
European Union	New Zealand	Ukraine
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Norway	United States
Iceland	Papua New Guinea	Viet Nam
Israel	Russian Federation	

(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:



<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the documents in the TN/AG/S/13 series.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT:**

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

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member**

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

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

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question	Data sources
1	2	3	4
(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"		

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

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"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2	Monetary value of measure in year in question	Data sources
1	2	3	4

- (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"

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

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"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:5	Monetary value of measure in year in question	Data sources
1	2	3	4

- (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"

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

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*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)	Current Total AMS (aggregate)
1	2	3	4
Product A			Total Product A
Product B			Total Product B
Product C			Total Product C
...			...
Non-product-specific AMS			Total Non-product-specific AMS (from Supporting Table DS:9 below)
			TOTAL: Current Total AMS

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

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*

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST/...)	Eligible production	Associated fees/levies	Total market price support	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ((4-5)*6)-7	9



Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

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*

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays	Other product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6)	Total AMS	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8+9)	11

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*

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	Production eligible to receive the applied administered price	Market price support budgetary outlays	Equivalent measurement of support (include calculation details)	Non-exempt direct payments	Other product-specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 (7+8+9-10)	12

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member**

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

*Non-Product-Specific AMS*

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

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 DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
250	\$ million	0

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

These two entries come from the Schedule.



## 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?

Table DS:1

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

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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.

### Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

#### ► 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 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1

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

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

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.

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
250	\$ million	0

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.

Green Box Article 6.2

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.  
e.g. G/AG/N/BRA/6/Rev.1, G/AG/N/JOR/3, G/AG/N/TUN/30, G/AG/N/CRI/6.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

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

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
General services	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))	134	"Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture
General services	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))	30	"Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture

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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

Supporting Table DS:2 must be distinguished from Table DS:2, which is a separate notification requirement (see page 92).

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

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4

Input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers

Fertiliser subsidy: The fertiliser subsidy is generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers through state agencies.

2.3

"Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture

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.



Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

► **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**.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1

Case 4  
 e.g. G/AG/N/BHR/4, G/AG/N/BWA/5, G/AG/N/CUB/35,  
 G/AG/N/IDN/18, G/AG/N/MWI/2, G/AG/N/MYS/25, G/AG/N/MUS/1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3

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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4

General services	<p>Infrastructural services: construction of rural roads, rural electrification, market and port facilities, water supply facilities .</p> <p>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))</p>	19	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture
Public stockholding for food security purposes	Government expenditure on public stockholding of wheat, and sugar for food security purposes.	329	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture
Domestic food aid	Provision of subsidized wheat and sugar to poor population .	111	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture

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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Investment subsidy generally available to agriculture	Agricultural credit and loan scheme: Finance is available to all farmers in order to allow them to take measures to increase agricultural productivity.	6.8	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture

## Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

### ► 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 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
250	\$ million	212

This comes from column 4 of **ST DS:4**

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (\$ million)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below) (\$ million)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (\$ million)
1	2	3	4
Milk	80		80
Wheat	20		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>1</sup>
Non-product-specific AMS	132		132
<b>TOTAL (Current Total AMS)</b>			<b>212</b>

**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

This is total non-product-specific AMS and the total figure comes from **ST DS:9**.

This is carried over to column 3 of **Table DS:1**.

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., of 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:5

### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA

REPORTING PERIOD: **Calendar year 2008**

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

This is "production **eligible** to receive the applied administered price" (refer to paragraph 8 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture)

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price (\$/tonnes)	External reference price (generally from AGST/...) (\$/tonnes)	Eligible production (tonnes)	Associated fees/levies (\$ million)	Total market price support (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ((4-5)*6)-7	9
Milk	Calendar year	intervention purchasing (partially producer funded)	255	200	2,000,000	30	80	*

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.

Intervention price

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.

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

\* "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST/...)	Eligible production	Total price-related direct payments	Other non-exempt direct payments	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments	Data sources
			(\$/tonnes)	(\$/tonnes)	(tonnes)	(\$ million)			(\$ million)	
			4	5	6	7 (4-5)*6	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11

Wheat	Calendar year	Deficiency payments	130	100	500,000	15	-	-	15	*
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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

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

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*

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays (\$ million)	Other product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support (\$ million)	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5) (\$ million)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6) (\$ million)	Total AMS (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8+9)	11
Milk	Calendar year	-					80	-	80	*
Wheat	Calendar year	Product specific transport subsidy	5	-	-	5	-	15	20	*

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**.

These two figures on **total** product-specific AMS for **Milk** and **Wheat** will be carried over to column 2 of **ST DS:4**.

\* "Estimates and expenditures, 2008", Department of Agriculture

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays (\$ million)	Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product-specific support (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7
Fertiliser subsidy	Calendar year	12	-	-	12	*
Subsidy for farmers to purchase agriculture machinery	Calendar year	120	-	-	120	*
Total					132	*

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

## Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

### ► 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

Table DS:1

Case 6  
e.g. G/AG/N/TUR/14,

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3

Member with no Total AMS commitment in the Schedule.

*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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (\$ million)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (\$ million)
1	2	3	4
Pineapples	1		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>1</sup>
Non-product-specific AMS	68		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>2</sup>
TOTAL (Current Total AMS)			0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )

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.**

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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

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



**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).

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.

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

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays	Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details) (\$ million)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product-specific support (\$ million) (3+4-5)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Investment subsidy (subsidized credit for agricultural producers in general)	Calendar year	-	68*	-	68	**
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- 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.

\* 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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

► **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

Table DS:1

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

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3

2,500

\$ million

300

From Schedule

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

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
General services	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. <b>(Annex 2, §2(a))</b>	3,500	"Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture
General services	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. <b>(Annex 2, §2(b))</b>	590	""
Payments for relief from natural disasters	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. <b>(Annex 2, §8)</b>	855	"Annual statements", Department of the Economy

"Measure type" categorization taken from G/AG/2 (page 13)

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

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"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:5	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Payments based on fixed area and yields	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).	560	"Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture
Livestock payments made on a fixed number of head	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.	1,679	""

"Measure type" categorization taken from G/AG/2 (page 15)

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

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

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

This is **Current Total AMS** and is carried over to column 3 of Table DS:1.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:5

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

What constitutes the quantity of "eligible production"?  
Refer to **paragraph 8 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture**

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price (\$/tonnes)	External reference price (generally from AGST/...) (\$/tonnes)	Eligible production (tonnes)	Associated fees/levies (\$ million)	Total market price support (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ((4-5)*6)-7	9

Soybeans	Calendar year	Supported purchases for government stockpile	450	300	1,000,000	55	95	*
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Intervention price

This remains **fixed** and should be taken from **AGST** (if Soybeans appears in AGST) or to be calculated using **paragraph 9 of Annex 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture**.

This figure should result from the formula in column 8.

\* "Annual production statistics", Department of Statistics and "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

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

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

\* "Annual production statistics", Department of Statistics and "Estimates and expenditures", Department of Agriculture.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

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*

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays (\$ million)	Other product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support (\$ million)	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5) (\$ million)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6) (\$ million)	Total AMS (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8+9)	11
Wheat	Calendar year	Storage subsidy	200	-	-	200	-	-	200	*
Soybeans	Calendar year	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	95	*
Milk	Calendar year	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	*

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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:8

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support*

Description of basic products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	Production eligible to receive the applied administered price	Market price support budgetary outlays (\$ million)	Equivalent measurement of support (include calculation details) (\$ million)	Non-exempt direct payments	Other product-specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 (7+8+9-10)	12
Tomatoes	Calendar year	Peak season disposal of surpluses	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	5	*

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.

## 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 DS:1	Case 8 e.g. G/AG/N/IND/1, G/AG/N/BRB/16, G/AG/N/CHL/13, G/AG/N/BGD/2	<b>DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA</b>	
<b>REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008</b>			
<i>Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support</i>			
Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS	
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)	
1	2	3	
-		<i>de minimis</i>	
↓		↓	
Member with no Total AMS commitment in the Schedule.		Supporting information/calculation for <i>de minimis</i> is included in ST DS:4.	

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
General services	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. <b>(Annex 2, §2(b))</b>	94	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture
Domestic food aid	Domestic food aid entitlement for low-income families: these families can purchase food directly from a government agency at a sharply reduced price. <b>(Annex 2, §4)</b>	30	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture



**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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Investment subsidy generally available to agriculture	Agricultural credit and loan scheme: Finance is available to all farmers in order to allow them the resources necessary in order to increase productivity.	6.8	Annual statistics, Department of Agriculture

"Measure type" categorization taken from G/AG/2 (page 14)

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (\$ million)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (\$ million)
1	2	3	4
Maize	1		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>1</sup>
Non-product-specific AMS	60		0 ( <i>de minimis</i> ) <sup>2</sup>
TOTAL (Current Total AMS)			0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )

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**.

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 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.

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.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

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

Description of basic product	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST/...)	Eligible production	Total price-related direct payments	Other non-exempt direct payments (\$ million)	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ((4-5)*6)	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
Maize	Calendar year	Per tonne payment					1	-	1	*

Budgetary outlay



\* "Annual production statistics", Department of Agriculture.

Table DS:1 Current total aggregate measurement of support

Supporting Table DS:9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays	Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details) (\$ million)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product-specific support (\$ million)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7
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.

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

## 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

<p>Table DS:2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOMESTIC SUPPORT: name of Member</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement: New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>(1) Full title of measure:</b></p> <p><b>(2) Domestic legislation reference:</b></p> <p><b>(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:</b></p> <p>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"; <b>and/or</b></p> <p>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"; <b>and/or</b></p> <p>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".</p> <p><b>(4) Cost of measure:</b></p> <p><b>(5) Date of entry into effect:</b></p> <p><b>(6) Period of application:</b></p> <p><b>(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):</b></p>
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Details in columns 1 to 7 are to be included for each new or modified domestic support measure, which is claimed as exempt from reduction commitments.





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



### 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

Case 1  
e.g. G/AG/N/MEX/14

#### **DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ALFA**

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

- (1) Full title of measure:** Fertilizer Subsidy Scheme.
- (2) Domestic legislation reference:** Strategic Inputs Support Scheme published in Official Gazette of 4 September 2007
- (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.

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

### ► 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 Case 2  
e.g. G/AG/N/ZAF/68

#### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: BETA

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

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Domestic food aid entitlement for low-income families.
- (2) **Domestic legislation reference:** Law 1995/345 of 20 April 2008
- (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

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

### ► 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 notifications.
- 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 Case 3  
e.g. G/AG/N/EEC/47

#### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: **GAMMA**

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

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Regulation amending the set-aside programme No. 371 (amending the Law 320 of 1 January 1998)
- (2) **Domestic legislation reference:** Law 320 of 1 July 2009 published in Government Legislation Handbook 2009
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:**  
Exempt direct payments under Article 6.5(a)(i): The aid is granted to soyabean 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.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** The additional costs of this measure will be USD 5 million annually.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 1 June 2010
- (6) **Period of application:** Unlimited
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):** Soybeans

Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

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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 \(www.wto.org --> trade topics --> agriculture\)](http://www.wto.org)
- [Agriculture Information Management System \(http://agims.wto.org/\):](http://agims.wto.org/)
  - [List of Notifications since 1995](#)
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  - [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, Note<sup>1</sup> by the Secretariat

<sup>1</sup> Issued as a G/AG/W/32/ series document.

Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Australia	Iceland	Panama
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Indonesia	South Africa
Brazil	Israel	Switzerland-Liechtenstein
Canada	Mexico	Turkey
Colombia	New Zealand	United States
European Union	Norway	Uruguay

**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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## 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.

Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Table ES:1

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: name of Member**

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

*Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments*

Description of products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Subsidised exports		Food aid <sup>1</sup>	Annual commitment levels	
		Outlays	Quantity	Quantity	Outlays	Quantity
(from Section II of Part IV)	(from Section II of Part IV)			(from Section II of Part IV)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

<sup>1</sup> Members are to provide data on food aid to all destinations.

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*

Description of products	Direct export subsidies	Sales of stocks	Producer financed subsidies	Cost reduction measures	Internal transport subsidies	Total product specific export subsidies	Quantity of subsidized exports	Data source
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

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*

Description of products	Cost reduction measures	Internal transport subsidies	Total product specific export subsidies	Quantity of subsidized exports	Data source
1	2	3	4	5	6



### Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments



#### 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 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Table ES:1		EXPORT SUBSIDIES: DELTA				
Case 1 e.g G/AG/N/NOR/49, G/AG/N/EEC/61		REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2008				
Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments						
Description of products (from Section II of Part IV)	Calendar / marketing year beginning ... (from Section II of Part IV)	Subsidised exports		Food aid <sup>1</sup>	Annual commitment levels	
		Outlays (\$ million)	Quantity (tonnes)	Quantity (tonnes)	Outlays (\$ million)	Quantity (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wheat	calendar year	5.6	114,000	12,000	7.2	114,000
Oranges	calendar year	0.98	13,000	0	1	17,000

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

<sup>1</sup> Members are to provide data on food aid to all destinations.

Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Supporting Table ES:1

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: DELTA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments*

Description of products	Direct export subsidies (\$ million)	Sales of stocks (\$ million)	Producer financed subsidies	Cost reduction measures (\$ million)	Internal transport subsidies (\$ million)	Total product specific export subsidies (\$ million)	Quantity of subsidized exports (tonnes)	Data source
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Wheat	5	0.3	-	-	0.3	5.6	114,000	"2008 Out-goings", Department of Finance
Oranges	-	-	-	0.98	-	0.98	13,000	""

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



### Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

► **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 ES:1

Case 2, Example 1  
(e.g. G/AG/N/NZL/53,  
G/AG/N/URY/36)

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: DELTA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments*

Description of products (from Section II of Part IV)	Calendar / marketing year beginning ... (from Section II of Part IV)	Subsidised exports		Food aid <sup>1</sup>	Annual commitment levels	
		Outlays	Quantity	Quantity	Outlays (\$ million)	Quantity (tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wheat	calendar year	0	0	0	7.2	114,000
Oranges	calendar year	0	0	0	1	7,000

Showing Nil export subsidies.

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

As in Case 1, these entries come from the Schedule

<sup>1</sup> Members are to provide data on food aid to all destinations.

## Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

► **Example 2:**

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

Table ES:1

Case 2, Example 2  
(e.g. G/AG/N/COL/33,  
G/AG/N/BRA/21)

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: DELTA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2008**

*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.



### Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

► **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 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Table ES:1

Case 3  
e.g. G/AG/N/CHN/15,  
G/AG/N/JPN/149

**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.<sup>1</sup>
- How should the information be presented in its Table ES:1 notification?

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<sup>1</sup> 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 ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Table ES:1

Case 4  
e.g G/AG/N/IND/3,  
G/AG/N/MAR/25,  
G/AG/N/KOR/32

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: PHI****REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 2000***Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments*

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.

Table ES:1 Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Supporting Table ES:2

**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*

Description of products	Cost reduction measures (\$ million)	Internal transport subsidies (\$ million)	Total product specific export subsidies (\$ million)	Quantity of subsidized exports (tonnes)	Data source
1	2	3	4	5	6
Coarse grains	6 (1)	-	6	12,560	"Budget Book 2000", Department of Agriculture
Bovine meat	-	10 (2)	10	5,781	""

(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.

Table ES:2 Notification of Total Exports

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### WHO?

- Members with export subsidy reduction commitments in Part IV of their Schedule, as well as
- Members designated as “significant exporters”, i.e. Members whose share of total world exports in any one or more of the following products or groups of products exceeds 5% (list contained in G/AG/2/Add.1):

Significant Exporters	Product Group
Australia	Wheat and wheat flour
Argentina	Coarse grains
Pakistan, Thailand	Rice
Argentina, Brazil, United States	Oilseeds
Argentina, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines	Vegetable oils
Argentina, United States	Oilcakes
Australia, Cuba, Thailand	Sugar
New Zealand	Butter and butter oil
New Zealand	Skim milk powder
New Zealand	Cheese
New Zealand	Other milk products
Australia, New Zealand	Bovine meat
Canada	Pigmeat
Thailand	Poultry meat
Australia, New Zealand	Sheepmeat
Chile, Costa Rica, Honduras, Philippines, United States	Fruit
United States	Vegetables
United States, Zimbabwe	Tobacco
Australia, Pakistan, United States	Cotton



### WHEN?

No later than 120 days following the end of the calendar (or, marketing, fiscal, etc.) year in question.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## 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<sup>2</sup> 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 (HS) 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<sup>3</sup>:

- *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.”*

<sup>2</sup> G/AG/W/123

<sup>3</sup> G/AG/R/74 para. 2.6



### Table ES:2 Notification of Total Exports



#### 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 ES:2

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: name of Member**

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

*Export Subsidies: Notification of Total Exports*

Description of products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Quantity of total exports
1	2	3

Table ES:2 Notification of Total Exports

Table ES:2

Case 1  
e.g. G/AG/N/MEX/15,  
G/AG/N/NOR/13

### EXPORT SUBSIDIES: DELTA

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2008

*Export Subsidies: Notification of Total Exports*

Description of products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Quantity of total exports (tonnes)
1	2	3
Wheat	calendar year	122,000 *
Oranges	calendar year	13,000

\* 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**.



### Table ES:2 Notification of Total Exports

► **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 Notification of Total Exports

Table ES:2

Case 2  
e.g. G/AG/N/CAN/33,  
G/AG/N/USA/14

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: GAMMA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2008**

*Export Subsidies: Notification of Total Exports*

Description of products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Quantity of total exports (tonnes)
1	2	3
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.



### Table ES:2 Notification of Total Exports

► **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

Table ES:2

Case 3  
e.g. G/AG/N/ARG/12,  
G/AG/N/CHL/29

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: EPSILON**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2008**

*Export Subsidies: Notification of Total Exports*

Description of products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Quantity of total exports (tonnes)
1	2	3
Rice*	calendar year	182,000

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

Table ES:3 Notification of the total volume of food aid

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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 ES:3

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: name of Member**

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

*Export Subsidies: Notification of the total volume of food aid*

Description of products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Quantity of food aid to all destinations
1	2	3

Table ES:3 Notification of the total volume of food aid

Table ES:3

Case 1  
e.g. G/AG/N/EEC/61

### EXPORT SUBSIDIES: DELTA

**REPORTING PERIOD:** calendar year 2008

*Export Subsidies: Notification of the total volume of food aid*

Description of products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	Quantity of food aid to all destinations (tonnes)
1	2	3
Skim milk powder	calendar year	1,564

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.



Table ER:1 Notification under Article 12 of the Agreement: Export prohibitions and restrictions

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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 \(www.wto.org --> trade topics --> agriculture\)](http://www.wto.org)
- [Agriculture Information Management System \(http://agims.wto.org/\):](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.



Table ER:1 Notification under Article 12 of the Agreement: Export prohibitions and restrictions

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### 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.

Table ER:1    **EXPORT RESTRICTIONS: name of Member**

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

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**(1) Description of product:**

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

**(3) Nature of, and justification for, measure to be introduced:**

**(4) Duration of application of measure:**



Table ER:1 Notification under Article 12 of the Agreement: Export prohibitions and restrictions



## 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*

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

**(2) Tariff item number(s):** 10.01

**(3) Nature of, and justification for, measure to be introduced:**

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.

**(4) Duration of application of measure:**

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.





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

### NOTIFICATION FORMATS

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#### WHAT TO NOTIFY ?

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

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

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

### RELEVANT REFERENCES

#### General

- [Agriculture gateway \(www.wto.org --> trade topics --> agriculture\)](http://www.wto.org)
- [Agriculture Information Management System \(http://agims.wto.org/\):](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
- Contributions<sup>1</sup> of International Observer Organizations to the Annual Monitoring Exercise.
- Compendium of Documents on Implementation-Related Issues, Note<sup>2</sup> by the Secretariat

<sup>1</sup> Issued as a G/AG/GEN/ series document.

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



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

## NOTIFICATION FORMAT

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### WHO?

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



### WHEN?

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

### WHAT TO NOTIFY?

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

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: name of Member**

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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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: ALFA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 2009**

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

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

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

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

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

The goal of the provision of technical and financial assistance by ALFA is to assist in the improvement of agricultural productivity and the infrastructure in least-developed and net food-importing developing countries.

In the year 2009, in total, financial assistance amounting to \$130 million was provided to beneficiaries of the Decision. Of this total amount, \$76 million went to least-developed country Members and the rest was provided to net food-importing developing country Members (please see Attachment A).

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

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

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

**Attachment 1**

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



Area	Notification requirement	Type of measure	Periodicity	Members notifying
<b>MARKET ACCESS</b>	Tariff and other quota commitments <b>Table MA:1</b>	Administration of tariff and other quota commitments	Once then <i>ad hoc</i> upon introduction of changes	Members with tariff and other quota commitments recorded in Section I-B (or Section I-A) of Part I of their Schedules
	Tariff and other quota commitments <b>Table MA:2</b>	Volume of imports under tariff and other quotas	Annual	Members with tariff and other quota commitments recorded in Section I-B (or Section I-A) of Part I of their Schedules
	Special safeguard provisions <b>Table MA:3</b>	Invocation of volume-based special safeguard measures	Ad hoc	Members taking, for any product, the volume-based safeguard action for the first time in any period.
	Special safeguard provisions <b>Table MA:4</b>	Invocation of price-based special safeguard measures	Up-front or <i>ad hoc</i>	Members taking, for any product, price-based special safeguard action for the first time. For the price-based safeguard, an "up-front" notification of trigger prices may also be made.
	Special safeguard provisions <b>Table MA:5</b>	Annual summary of special safeguard actions	Annual	All Members whose schedules indicate they have the right to invoke the special safeguard for any product.
<b>DOMESTIC SUPPORT</b>	Current Total AMS <b>Table DS:1</b> (and, as appropriate, Supporting Tables DS:1 to DS:9)	All domestic support measures applied in a reporting year	Annual (every two year for least-developed Country Members)	All Members
	New or modified exempt measures <b>Table DS:2</b>	New or modified domestic support measures claimed as exempt from reduction commitments	<i>Ad hoc</i>	All Members introducing or modifying such measures



<b>EXPORT SUBSIDIES</b>	Export subsidies: budgetary outlay and quantity reduction commitments <b>Table ES:1</b> (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 <b>Table ES:2</b>	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 <b>Table ES:3</b>	Quantity of total food aid	Annual	All Members which are food aid donors
<b>EXPORT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS</b>	Notification under Article 12 of the Agreement : export prohibitions and restrictions <b>Table ER:1</b>	Institution of an export prohibition or restriction	<i>Ad hoc</i>	All Members (except developing country Members unless they are net food-exporter of the product concerned)
<b>NFIDC DECISION</b>	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 <b>Table NF:1</b>	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 <i>Ad hoc</i>	All Members, which provide food aid and technical or financial assistance to such countries