Committee on Agriculture
Information Session
Enhancing Transparency and the CoA Review Process

Canada’s Experience in the Review Process
September 13, 2016
The review process... why?

- Monitor implementation of commitments
- Information on domestic measures and/or policy changes
March 1995 to September 2016

• Analytical tools: evolution over time
• Review and analysis through the lens of:
  – Policy considerations
  – Commercial export interests
  – Systemic interests
• Knowledge transfer/continuity
Meet the team

• Trade Agreement and Negotiations Directorate: Core group
  – Notifications:
    • Distribution
    • Review and analysis
  – Drafting questions and review of responses
In the beginning...
Evolution of tools

• Internal tracking system for questions and answers
  – Binders, Secretariat report of meetings, meeting room document
  – Excel pivot tables
  – MS Access database
  – In-house experts
• AgIMS – one stop shopping!
• I-TIP Goods Integrated Trade Intelligence Portal- excellent search tool
Overview of the review process

• Review all notifications: layers
  – “The numbers”: Compare amounts against commitment, previous notifications
  – New measures or changes to existing measures
  – Commercial export interests
  – Policy changes
  – Systemic interests
Overview of the review process

• Tools:
  – WTO Handbook on Notification Requirements
  – Cairns Group “What to look for when reviewing notifications”
  – Analysis of previous notifications
  – Country or industry experts
  – Previous questions and answers (AG IMS)
  – OECD reports, Trade Policy Review reports, national sources, media services
General comments
*All amounts are reported in $USD

Although Brazil’s Current Total AMS is 0 for the 2012/13 notification, there have been some significant changes in terms of programme support for many entries included in the notification. Green Box support has reached an all-time high of $6.2 billion in 2012/13 which represents a 30% increase from the previous year. De minimis and S&D support have remained stable, but there have been some changes in terms of product coverage and notified programs which will be detailed in their respective sections below. It is worth noting that the provided total for VOP is indicated as being “Provisional” for 2012/13.

Table 1: A breakdown of support provided by Brazil since 1995 - (USD millions)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Green Box</th>
<th>Current Total AMS</th>
<th>de minimis</th>
<th>S &amp; D</th>
<th>Total Support</th>
<th>Commitment</th>
<th>Current TAMS/Commitment</th>
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<td>2000/01</td>
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<td>1,129.0</td>
<td>394.5</td>
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<td>2007/08</td>
<td>3,297.0</td>
<td>520.0</td>
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<td>2,480.1</td>
<td>1,070.0</td>
<td>9,729.5</td>
<td>912.0</td>
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Table: Domestic Support of EEC (EU) (Ecu or € million)

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<th>Year</th>
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<th>Blue Box</th>
<th>Current Total AMS</th>
<th>de minimis</th>
<th>Current Total</th>
<th>Total support</th>
<th>Final Bound Total AMS</th>
<th>Current Total as % of Final Bound Total AMS</th>
<th>Current Total AMS/ Final Bound Total AMS</th>
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<td>95/96</td>
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<td>20,846</td>
<td>50,181</td>
<td>826</td>
<td>71,027</td>
<td>90,632</td>
<td>78,672</td>
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<td>64%</td>
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<td>96/97</td>
<td>22,130</td>
<td>21,521</td>
<td>51,163</td>
<td>761</td>
<td>72,684</td>
<td>95,575</td>
<td>76,369</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<td>18,167</td>
<td>20,443</td>
<td>50,346</td>
<td>543</td>
<td>70,789</td>
<td>88,499</td>
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<td>68%</td>
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<td>98/99</td>
<td>19,168</td>
<td>20,504</td>
<td>46,947</td>
<td>379</td>
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<td>86,998</td>
<td>71,765</td>
<td>94%</td>
<td>65%</td>
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<td>99/00</td>
<td>21,916</td>
<td>19,792</td>
<td>48,157</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>67,949</td>
<td>90,265</td>
<td>69,463</td>
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<td>23,726</td>
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<td>834</td>
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<td>24,727</td>
<td>28,589</td>
<td>1,942</td>
<td>53,325</td>
<td>75,671</td>
<td>67,159</td>
<td>79%</td>
<td>43%</td>
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EU25 support is included from 03/04 (at least from 1 May 2004)

03/04 | 22,074 | 24,782 | 30,891 | 1,953 | 55,673 | 79,700 | 67,159* | 83% | 46%
04/05 | 24,391 | 27,237 | 31,214 | 2,042 | 58,451 | 84,884 | 67,159* | 87% | 46%
05/06 | 40,280 | 13,445 | 28,427 | 1,251 | 41,872 | 82,404 | 67,159* | 62% | 42%
06/07 | 56,530 | 5,597  | 26,632 | 1,552 | 32,329 | 90,711 | 72,244** | 45% | 37%
07/08 | 62,610 | 5,166  | 12,354 | 2,389 | 17,520 | 82,519 | 72,244** | 24% | 17%
08/09 | 62,825 | 5,348  | 11,796 | 1,086 | 17,144 | 81,055 | 72,244** | 24% | 16%
09/10 | 63,798 | 5,324  | 8,764  | 1,402 | 14,088 | 79,288 | 72,244** | 20% | 12%
09/10r | 63,798 | 5,324  | 10,883 | 1,402 | 16,207 | 81,407 | 72,244** | 22% | 15%
10/11 | 68,051 | 3,142  | 6,502  | 1,393 | 9,644  | 79,088 | 72,244** | 13%  | 9%
11/12 | 70,977 | 2,981  | 8,859  | 1,003 | 9,840  | 79,089 | 72,244** | 14%  | 9%
12/13 | 71,140 | 2,754  | 5,899  | 1,781 | 8,653  | 81,574 | 72,244** | 12%  | 8%

Total support = sum of Green Box, Blue Box, AMS, de minimis

*New footnote added: “Without prejudice to the EC25 commitment to be presented in the new EC25 schedule after enlargement.”

**This commitment is in conformity with the information on the EC25/27 commitments as communicated to the Membership at the 53rd meeting of the Committee on Agriculture. Information on the EC25 commitment was provided in writing to the Committee. The EC25 figure is increased by 520 million EUR (Bulgaria’s AMS commitment) to establish the EC27 level.
Filters

• Notifications from all Members are reviewed
• Some additional focus is placed on:
  – FTA partners
  – Other agriculture exporters
  – Measures exempt from reduction commitment
  – Key trading partners
  – On going systemic issues
That’s interesting...Article 18.6

• Varied sources:
  – general media, agriculture newsletters, national sources, OECD reports, TPRs

• Industry
Knowledge transfer

• Changes in personnel, retirement
• Evolving technology: WordPerfect vs MSWord
• Continuity through
  – Documents kept on common drive
  – Detailed analysis
  – Background information
  – Discussion on notifications and questions
On the other side...

• Questions to Canada
  – Core group
    • Distributes questions to sector experts, programs
    • Review of draft responses
    • Submission via AG IMS
Looking forward

- The current process works well
  - Maybe a few tweaks
- Free space on common drive getting smaller
  - Potential to make better use of the AGIMS
Questions?