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SWITZERLAND

The following notification has been received from the Government of Switzerland, bringing up to date for 1976 the information furnished in the full notifications of subsidies covering the period 1972 to 1974 (document L/4141/Add.16) and 1975 (document L/4295/Add.6).

1. Milk and dairy products

1.1 Dairy balance sheet (from 1 November to 31 October)

During the financial year 1975/76, the expenditure included in the dairy balance sheet of the Confederation was as follows:

	<u>Sw F '000</u>
Total	588,864
including as main items:	
- valorization of butter	229,442
- valorization of cheese	294,850
- valorization of preserved milk products	14,155
- contribution to producers delivering neither milk nor dairy products	23,636

This expenditure was covered as follows:

	<u>Sw F '000</u>
Payments by the Confederation	499,183
of which:	
- general funds	375,784
- revenue from taxes and price supplements	123,399
Share of losses payable by producers	89,681

1.2 Butter

There has been no change in the policy and measures described in the last notifications.

1.3 Cheese

No change in the measures applied.

1.4 Preserved milk products

Since 1 May 1975 the subsidy per kg. of milk used for the manufacture of these products has been 32 centimes.

1.5 Other measures

No change in the policy and measures applied.

2. Breeding and dairy cattle

There has been no change in the policy or measures described in the most recent notifications.

- <u>Total amount of the subsidy</u>	<u>Sw F '000</u>
	<u>1976</u>
(1) Encouragement of sales within the country:	
(a) subsidies to relieve market pressure	2,107
(b) subsidies for elimination	19,946
(c) contribution to transport costs	749

	<u>Sw F '000</u>
	<u>1976</u>
(2) Maintenance of exports	14,028
(3) Contribution to the expenses of cattle breeders in mountain areas	130,528
Total:	167,358
	<u>Average</u>
- <u>Amount per unit</u>	<u>Sw F per head in 1976</u>
(1) (a) subsidies to relieve the market	614
(b) subsidies for elimination	341
(c) contribution to transport costs, average (for cattle)	17
(2) Maintenance of exports (average)	1,260
(3) Contribution to the expenses of cattle breeders in mountain areas: The system of payment and the amount of this contribution have remained unchanged since 1974.	219

3. Wool

There has been no change in the measures applied since the last notifications.

- Total amount of the subsidy

1976: Sw F 1,386,000 for 582 tons of wool.

- Amount per unit

1976: Sw F 2,381 per ton.

4. Eggs

There has been no change in the policy and the measures described in the last notifications.

- Total amount of the subsidy

1976: Sw F 9,499,000

- Amount per unit

1976: 5.41 centimes per egg taken over.

5. Bread grains

In 1976, crop area subsidies were granted for the first time in regions where production conditions are difficult.

- Total amount of the subsidy

The expenditure resulting from the purchase by the Confederation of home-grown bread cereals was as follows:

1976: Sw F 117,926,000

The milling bonus amounted to:

1976: Sw F 8,091,000

Crop area subsidies in regions where production conditions are difficult:

1976: Sw F 7,497,000

<u>- Amount per unit</u>	<u>Sw F per 100 kgs.</u> <u>1976</u>
(a) Purchase of bread grains	32.34
(b) Milling bonus	
- average	27.17
- the bonus varies according to the altitude of the farm.	25.00 to 43.00
(c) Crop area subsidies	<u>Sw F per hectare</u>
- Sloping land and pre-alpine hill zone	400
- Mountain zone I	550
- Mountain zone II	750

6. Feed grains

There has been no change in the policy and measures applied.

<u>- Total amount of the subsidy</u>	<u>Sw F '000</u> <u>1976</u>
(a) Cultivation bonus	67,805
(b) Marketing and transport allowance	2,474*

*Provisional figures

- Amount per unit

<u>(a) Cultivation bonus</u>	<u>Sw F per hectare</u>
Basic bonus, identical for all varieties except maize (700 for the first three hectares, 450 for three to five hectares, and 200 for five or more hectares)	750
Supplement for:	
- Mountain zone I and steeply sloping land outside mountain areas	400
- Mountain zone II	550
 <u>(b) Marketing and transport allowance</u>	
The allowance for marketing operations remains at Sw F 25 per ton. The contribution to transport costs varies according to the distance to be covered, and was on the average Sw F 18.08* per ton.	

7. Colza seeds

The area in respect of which the Confederation guarantees to producers the purchase of their colza crop was raised from 10,000 hectares to 12,000 hectares.

- Total amount of the subsidy

1976: Sw F 23,997,000

- Amount per unit

1976: Sw F 1,008 per ton

8. Sugar beet

There has been no change in the policy and system of support. In 1976 the quantity and surface for which the price is guaranteed were set at 625,000 tons and 12,500 hectares respectively.

The total quantity harvested on the actual surface area of 11,434 hectares was 587,031 tons.

*Provisional figures

- Total amount of the subsidy (accounting period 1 October to 30 September)
1975/76: - Sw F 0.00.

- Amount per unit (per kg. of refined domestic sugar)
1976: 0 centimes.

9. Potatoes

There has been no change in the policy and measures described in the last notifications.

- Total amount of the subsidy (accounting period 1 July to 30 June)

	<u>Sw F '000</u> <u>1975/76</u>
(1) Sale of potatoes at reduced prices to needy persons	1,364
(2) Transport subsidies	118
(3) Disposal of young potato plants	1,480
(4) Utilization of surpluses, including export promotion	4,146 3,439
(5) Subsidies for organizations and for research	374
(6) Information, publicity, etc.	984
(7) Promotion of potato growing in mountain areas or on sloping land	2,345

- <u>Amount per unit</u>	<u>Sw F per 100 kgs.</u> <u>1975/76</u>
(1) Sale of potatoes at reduced prices	12.74
(2) Transport subsidy	2.02
(3) Disposal of young potato plants	4.45
(4) Utilization of surpluses, including export promotion	3.05 1.33

10. Fruit

There has been no change in the policy and measures applied.

- Total amount of the subsidy (accounting period 1 July to 30 June)

	<u>Sw F '000</u> <u>1975/76</u>
(1) Subsidies to influence production	982
(2) Subsidies to encourage consumption of pip fruit:	
(a) publicity and information	2,381
(b) sale of fruit at reduced prices to low-income persons	711
(3) Subsidies for the use of surplus fruit of various kinds (pip fruit - for cider making or for dessert and stone fruit)	7,339

- Amount per unit

The subsidies intended to reduce the price of fruit for low-income persons amounted on the average to 24 centimes per kg.

As regards the utilization of surplus dessert fruit, subsidies were paid more especially in respect of apricots (Sw F 4,458,000 in all). The average was 55 centimes per kg.

The amount per unit in the case of other subsidies mentioned cannot be given as the amount varies too greatly according to conditions and the market situation.

11. Wine, grape juice, dessert grapes

There has been no change in the policy and measures described in the last notification.

	<u>Sw F '000</u> <u>1976</u>
- <u>Total amount of the subsidy</u>	
(1) The expenditure on publicity:	
(a) wine	1,750
(b) grape juice	219
(2) Non-alcoholic utilization of grapes:	
(a) grape juice	9,728
(b) dessert grapes	205

- Amount per unit

Not determined.