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SUBSIDIES

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The present document brings up to date, for the year 1978, the information furnished in the complete notification on subsidies, covering the period 1975 to 1977, which was reproduced in document L/4622/Add.8 of 28 September 1978.

I. MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

1. Dairy balance sheet (period 1 November-31 October)

During the 1977/78 period, expenditure shown in the dairy balance sheet of the Confederation was as follows:

	<u>Sw F '000</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>565,005</u>
including mainly:	
- valorization of butter	180,614
- valorization of cheese	309,421
- valorization of preserved milk products	23,668
- contribution to producers delivering neither milk nor dairy products	28,799

This expenditure was covered in the following way:

	<u>Sw F '000</u>
Payments by the Confederation	523,828
of which:	
- general funds	322,751
- revenue from taxes and price supplements	201,077
Share of losses payable by producers	41,176

2. Butter

There have been no changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications.

3. Cheese

There have been no changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications.

4. Preserved milk products

The subsidy per kilogram of milk used for the manufacture of these products has been paid at the rate of 55 centimes since 1 November 1978.

5. Other measures

There have been no changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications.

II. BREEDING AND DAIRY CATTLE

There have been no changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications.

<u>Total amount of subsidy</u>	<u>Sw F '000</u>
(1) Promotion of sales within the country:	
subsidies to relieve market pressure	1,759
subsidies for elimination	15,595
contribution to transport costs	626
(2) Maintenance of exports	13,100
(3) Special campaigns	1,187
(4) Contribution to expenses of cattle breeders in mountain areas	125,909
<u>Total</u>	<u>158,176</u>

<u>Amount per unit</u> ¹	<u>Average</u> (<u>francs per head</u>)
(1) subsidies to relieve market pressure	434
subsidies for elimination	273
(2) Maintenance of exports (average)	1,608
(4) Contribution to expenses of cattle breeders in mountain areas (limited to 15 head of adult cattle = UGB, per farm); the system of payment and the amount of this contribution have remained unchanged since 1974:	<u>Francs</u> <u>per UGB</u>
sub-alpine hill area	80
mountain zone I	140
mountain zone II	270
mountain zone III	400

III. WOOL

There have been no changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications, but as from 1 November 1978 the maximum subsidy has been increased from Sw F 1.4 to 1.8 million per annum.

Total amount of subsidy

Sw F 1,597,000 for 576 tons of wool.

Amount per unit

Sw F 2,773 per ton.

IV. EGGS

There have been no changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications.

Total amount of subsidy

Sw F 8,441,000.

¹The contributions to transport costs and to special campaigns are not calculable per unit.

Amount per unit

5.38 centimes per egg taken over.

V. BREAD GRAINS

There have been no changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications.

<u>Total amount of subsidy</u>	<u>Sw F'000</u>
Price premium on domestic grains	99,446
Milling bonus and compensatory allowances	7,550
Surface subsidies	14,100
Other subsidies	<u>2,608</u>
<u>Total subsidies</u>	<u>123,704</u>

<u>Amount per unit</u>	<u>Francs per 100 kgs.</u>
Purchase of bread wheat	27.21
Milling bonus	
- Average	27.-
- Variable according to altitude of the farm	from 25.- to 43.-

<u>Surface subsidies</u>	<u>Francs per hectare</u>
Steeply sloping land and pre-alpine hill zone	550
Intermediate zone, excluding steeply sloping land	400
Mountain zone I	700
Mountain zone II	900

VI. FEED GRAINS

There have been no changes in the policy and measures in force since 1977, since which date marketing and transport operations have no longer been subsidized.

Total amount of subsidy

Sw F'000

Cultivation bonus

60,243

Amount per unit

Francs per hectare

Cultivation bonus

Basic bonus, identical for all varieties except maize (750.- for first 3 hectares, 450.- between 3 and 5 hectares, and 200.- for 5 hectares or more)

800.-

Supplement for:

Mountain zone up to 1,000 metres and steeply sloping land outside mountain zones

500.-

Mountain zone above 1,000 metres

650.-

VII. COLZA

The area in respect of which the Confederation guarantees to producers the purchase of the crop has been maintained at 13,000 hectares.

Total amount of subsidy

Sw F 22,832,000 for 27,573 tons of colza seeds.

Amount per unit

Sw F 828 per ton.

VIII. SUGAR BEET

There have been no changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications. In 1978, the quantity and surface for which the price is guaranteed were set at respectively 650,000 tons and 13,000 hectares.

The total quantity harvested on the actual area of 13,091 hectares was 633,653 tons.

Total amount of subsidy

Sw F 57,071,000

Amount per unit (per kg. of refined domestic sugar)

57.6 centimes

IX. POTATOES

There have been no changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications.

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

	<u>Sw F'000</u> <u>1977/78</u>
<u>Encouragement of use of potatoes</u>	<u>6,656</u>
Sale of potatoes to needy persons at reduced price	914
Subsidies for transport of potatoes for use as food	109
Disposal of potato seedlings (including subsidy paid by Federal Agriculture Agency)	1,400
Utilization of surpluses of which promotion of exports	2,894 1,796
Subsidies to organizations and for research	322
Information and propaganda	1,017
<u>Surface subsidies to encourage cultivation of potatoes in mountain areas and on sloping ground (including the half share paid out of federal funds)</u>	<u>4,673</u>
<u>Amount per unit</u>	<u>Francs per 100 kgs.</u> <u>1977/78</u>
Sale of potatoes at reduced prices	8.25
Subsidies for transport costs	2.03
Disposal of potato seedlings	4.86
Utilization of surpluses	3.11
of which promotion of exports	1.63

<u>Surface subsidies</u>	<u>Francs per hectare</u>
Mountain regions	1,400
Sloping ground outside mountain zones	1,200

X. FRUIT

There have been no changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications.

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

(Sw F'000)
1977/78

<u>Subsidies to promote utilization of fruit</u>		<u>6,459</u>
Information and propaganda	2,538	
Sale of pip fruit at reduced price	853	
Utilization of pip fruit	1,460	
Utilization of fruit juice concentrate	590	
Utilization of cherries and plums	210	
Subsidies to organizations and for research	807	
<u>Reconversion of fruit cultivation</u>		<u>777</u>

Amount per unit

The subsidies designed to reduce prices of fruit for needy persons are at the average rate of 26.2 centimes per kilo.

As regards utilization of dessert fruit surpluses, subsidies were paid in particular for apricots (a total of Sw F 1,247,405). The average rate of these was 23 centimes per kilo.

The amount of the other subsidies per unit cannot be indicated because it varies too much according to conditions and the market situation.

XI. WINE, GRAPE JUICE, DESSERT GRAPES

<u>Amount of subsidy</u>	<u>Sw F'000</u>
(1) Propaganda to encourage utilization of wine, dessert grapes, grape juice and new wine. Information campaign in favour of domestic wines, and expenditure to promote domestic wines in foreign markets.	
Wine	250
Grape juice, new wine	248
(2) Subsidies for the export of quality domestic wines	821
(3) Non-alcoholic utilization of grapes:	
Grape juice, new wine	36
Dessert grapes	98
<u>Amount per unit</u>	<u>Francs per litre</u>
(1) Propaganda: impossible to determine the amount per unit	
(2) Aid to exports	1.05
(3) Non-alcoholic utilization of grapes:	
Grape juice	0.27
Dessert grapes	0.37

