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SUBSIDIES

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The present document brings up to date, for the year 1979, 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 and that furnished in the notification for 1978 (document L/4763/Add.5 of 22 August 1979).

I. MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

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

During the 1978/1979 period, expenditure shown in the dairy balance sheet of the Confederation was as follows:

	<u>Sw F '000</u>
<u>Total</u> including mainly:	<u>648,993</u>
- disposal of butter	228,434
- disposal of cheese	334,283
- other measures (including disposal of preserved milk products)	20,925
- contributions to owners of cows whose milk is not marketed	40,397

This expenditure was covered in the following way:

	<u>Sw F '000</u>
Payments by the Confederation of which:	596,438
- general funds	441,905
- revenue from taxes and price supplements	154,533
Share of losses payable by producers	52,555

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 58 centimes since 1 July 1979.

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	1,211
- subsidies for elimination	19,588
- contribution to transport costs	640
(2) Maintenance of exports	17,000
(3) Special campaigns	1,078
(4) Contribution to expenses of cattle breeders in mountain areas	126,151
<u>Total</u>	<u>165,668</u>

Amount per unit¹

Average
(francs per head)

Promotion of sales within the country:

- subsidies to relieve market pressure 344
- subsidies for elimination 275

Maintenance of exports (average) 1,715

Francs per UGB

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:

- 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.

Total amount of subsidy

Sw F 1,798,000 for 621 tons of wool.

Amount per unit

Sw F 2,898 per ton.

IV. EGGS

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

Total amount of subsidy

Sw F 10,488,000.

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

Amount per unit

5.23 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	124,534
Milling bonus and compensatory allowances	7,686
Surface subsidies	13,500
Other subsidies	<u>2,788</u>
<u>Total subsidies</u>	<u>148,508</u>

<u>Amount per unit</u>	<u>Francs per 100 kgs.</u>
Purchase of bread wheat	31.20
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 described in earlier notifications.

<u>Total amount of subsidy</u>	<u>Sw F'000</u>
Cultivation bonus	68,000

Amount per unit

Francs per hectare

Cultivation bonus

Basic bonus, identical for all varieties except maize (850.- for first 5 hectares, 550.- between 5 and 10 hectares, and 300.- for 10 hectares or more) and field beans (1,100.- per hectare) 900.-

Supplement for:

Mountain zone up to 1,000 metres and steeply sloping land outside mountain zones 550.-

Mountain zone above 1,000 metres 700.-

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 31,000 for 30,640 tons of colza seeds.

Amount per unit

Sw F 1,012 per ton.

VIII. SUGAR BEET

There have been no significant changes in the policy and measures described in earlier notifications. A new Federal Order on the domestic sugar sector, to be valid for ten years, entered into force on 1 October 1979, replacing that of 28 June 1974 which expired on 30 September 1979. The maximum annual quantity of sugar beet for which the Confederation can guarantee disposal at the fixed price is now 850,000 tons, corresponding to a surface of 17,000 hectares. In 1979, the quantity and surface for which the price is guaranteed were set at respectively 660,000 tons and 13,200 hectares.

The total quantity harvested on the actual area of 13,091 hectares was 781,399 tons.

Total amount of subsidy

Sw F 64,531,000

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

59.5 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>1978/79</u>
<u>Encouragement of use of potatoes</u>	<u>14,896</u>
Sale of potatoes to needy persons at reduced price	898
Subsidies for transport of potatoes for use as food	112
Disposal of potato seedlings (including subsidy paid by Federal Agriculture Agency)	1,910
Utilization of surpluses of which promotion of exports	11,080 3,731
Subsidies to organizations and for research	340
Information and propaganda	1,039
<u>Surface subsidies to encourage cultivation of potatoes in mountain areas and on sloping ground</u> (including the half share paid out of federal funds)	4,796
<u>Amount per unit</u>	<u>Francs per 100 kgs.</u> <u>1978/79</u>
Sale of potatoes at reduced prices	10.23
Subsidies for transport costs	2.23
Disposal of potato seedlings	6.31
Utilization of surpluses of which promotion of exports	6.76 30.17
<u>Surface subsidies</u>	<u>Francs per hectare</u>
Mountain regions	1,500
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)
1978/79

<u>Subsidies to promote utilization of fruit</u>		<u>5,672</u>
Information and propaganda	2,189	
Sale of pip fruit at reduced price	430	
Utilization of pip fruit	1,637	
Utilization of fruit juice concentrate	219	
Utilization of cherries and plums	407	
Subsidies to organizations and for research	791	
<u>Reconversion of fruit cultivation</u>		<u>759</u>

Amount per unit

The subsidies designed to reduce prices of fruit for needy persons are at the average rate of 14.9 centimes per kilo.

As regards utilization of dessert fruit surpluses, subsidies were paid in particular for apricots (a total of Sw F 850,431). The average rate of these was 20.4 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	229
(2) Subsidies for the export of quality domestic wines	1,028
(3) Non-alcoholic utilization of grapes:	
Grape juice, new wine	134
Dessert grapes	300

<u>Amount per unit</u>	<u>Francs per litre</u>
(1) Propaganda: impossible to determine the amount per unit	
(2) Aid to exports	1.13
(3) Non-alcoholic utilization of grapes:	
Grape juice	0.35
Dessert grapes	0.44

