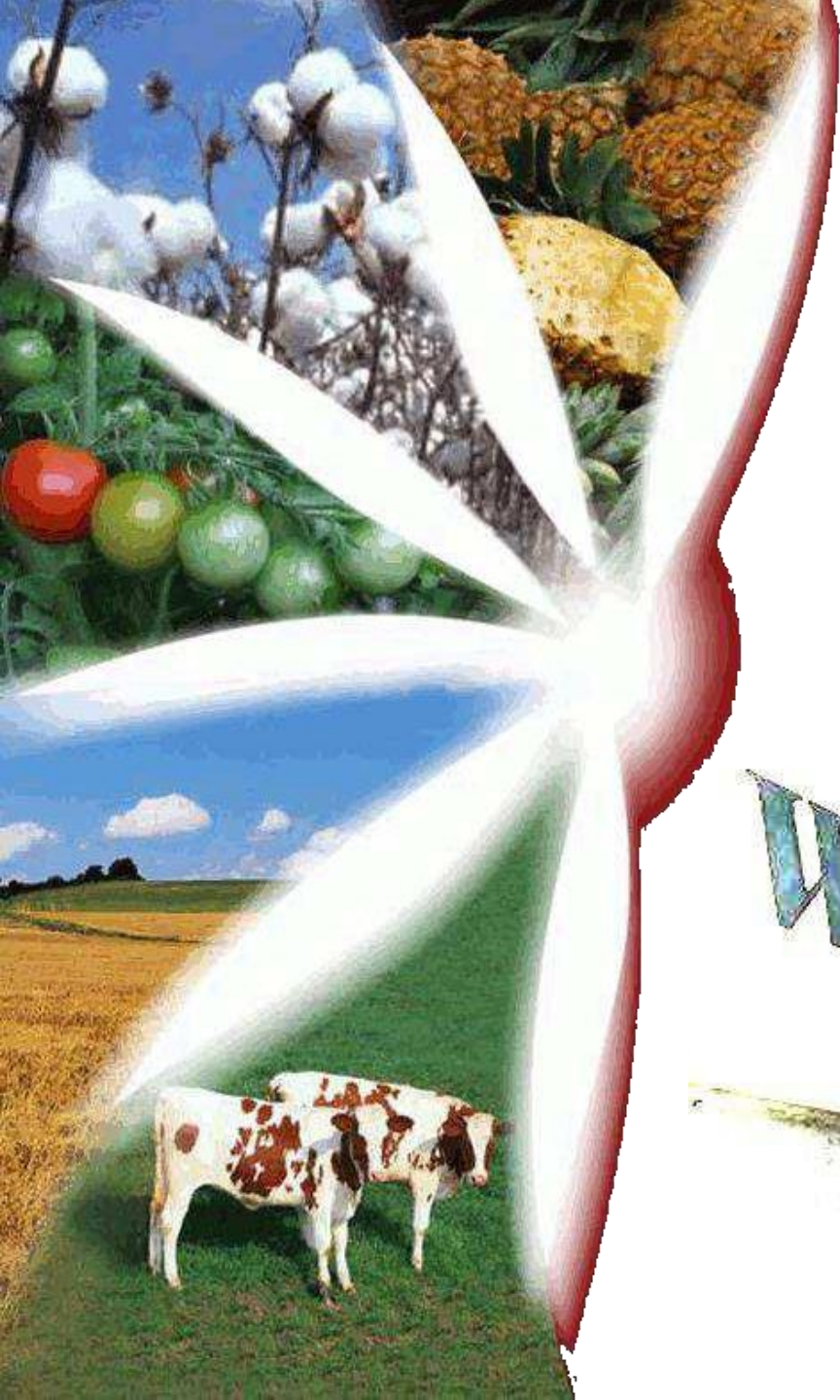


Agreement on Agriculture





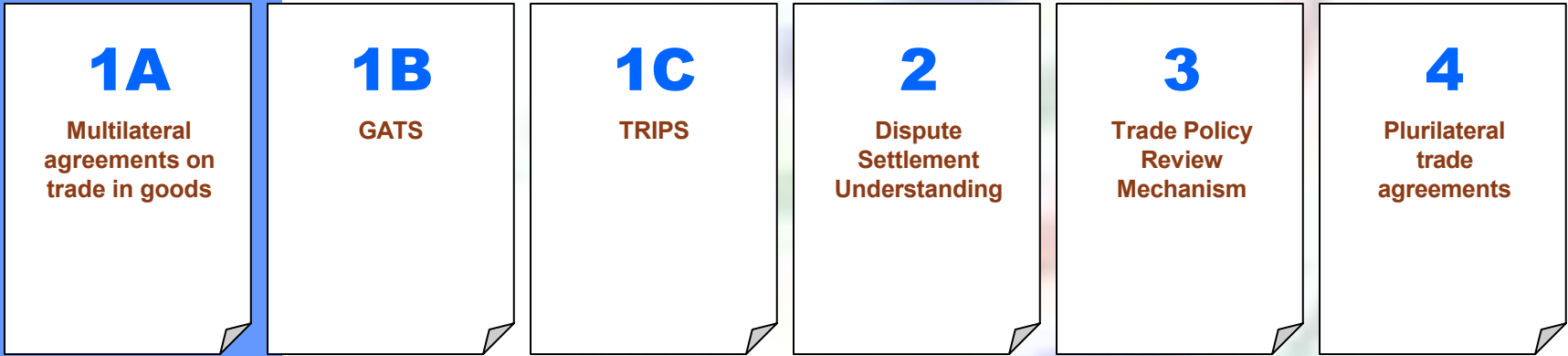
After years of negotiations under the Uruguay round

Specific WTO Legal Framework on Trade in Agriculture



WTO: Trade Rules and Disciplines

- Marrakech Agreement establishing the WTO



WTO: Trade Rules and Disciplines

Annex 1A

Multilateral agreements on trade in **Goods**

GATT 1994 (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade)

Understandings

Marrakech Protocol

Agreements on:

Agriculture (AoA)

Antidumping

Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

Customs valuation

Textiles and clothing

Preshipment inspection

Rules of origin

Goods

Technical barriers to trade

Import licensing

Trade-related investment measures (TRIMS)

Subsidies and countervailing measures

Safeguards

1A

Multilateral trade agreement on trade in goods

Uruguay Round Schedules

Agricultural Concessions and Commitments

- Uruguay Round agricultural concessions and commitments are spread between two of the four parts of Uruguay Round Schedules:
- Part I, Most Favoured Nation Tariff
 - Section I.A – Agricultural tariffs
 - Section I.B – Agricultural tariff quotas
 - Section II – Other products
- Part II, Schedule of preferential tariffs
- Part III, Non-tariff measure concessions other than agricultural products
- Part IV, Commitments limiting subsidization
 - Section I – Domestic support, Total AMS
 - Section II – Export subsidies – budget & volume commitments
 - Section III – Commitments limiting the scope of export subsidies



The “three pillars” of the Agreement on agriculture

**Market
Access
disciplines**

Measures to
“establish a fair and
market-oriented
agricultural trading
system”

**Export
Competition
disciplines**



**Domestic Support
disciplines**



Structure of the Agreement

Market access

Tariffs

Tariff Quotas

Special Safeguard

Domestic support

Green Box

Blue Box

Article 6.2 – Development
Programmes

Amber Box

Export competition

Export subsidies

Anti-circumvention

Export finance

International food aid

Export Restrictions

Other rules: S&D, Peace Clause (now expired), NFIDC Decision etc.



Pillar 1: Market Access

- **Tariff binding and reduction**
- **Tariffication**
- **Tariff-Rate Quotas**
- **Special Agricultural Safeguard**



Tariffication during Uruguay Round: A New *Tariff-Only* Regime

➤ Article 4.1 of the AoA: Market Access concessions **contained in Schedules**

➤ **Article 4.2** of the AoA **and footnote 1**:

“Members **shall not maintain, resort to, or revert** to any measures of the kind which have been required to be converted into ordinary customs duties¹...”.

Footnote 1: These measures include:

- quantitative import restrictions,
- variable import levies,
- minimum import prices,
- discretionary import licensing,
- non-tariff measures maintained through state-trading enterprises, voluntary export restraints,
- **and similar border measures** other than ordinary customs duties ...





All MFN Tariffs To Be bound and Reduced

Uruguay Round Reduction Commitments

	DEVELOPED	DEVELOPING
Implementation period	6 years 1995-2000	10 years 1995-2004
Average cut	36%	24%
Minimum cut	15%	10%

No reduction commitments for LDCs and for developing countries taking **ceiling bindings**



Tariff reduction

Schedule I - AUSTRALIA

PART I - MOST-FAVOURED-NATION TARIFF

SECTION I - Agricultural Products

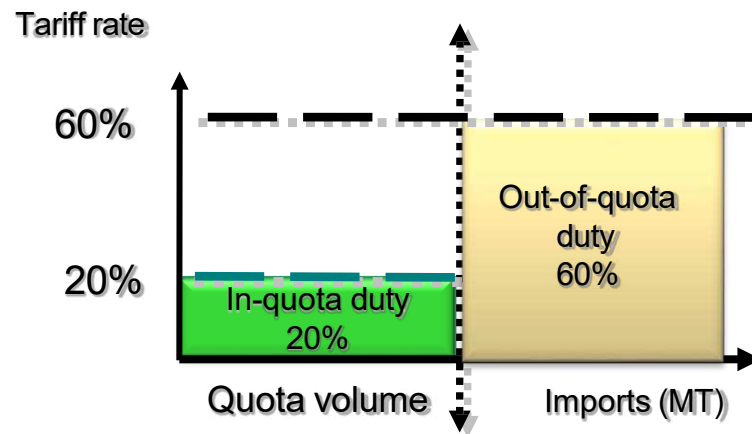
SECTION I - A Tariffs

Tariff item number	Description of products	Base rate of duty			Bound rate of duty		Implementation period from/to	Special safeguard	Initial negotiating right	Other duties and charges
		Ad valorem (%)	Other	U/B	Ad valorem (%)	Other				
1	2	3			4		5	6	7	8
0406	CHEESE AND CURD:									
0406.10.00	Fresh (unripened or uncured) cheese, including whey cheese, and curd	\$1.44/kg		B	\$1.22/kg		1995 - 2000	SSG		
0406.20.00	Grated or powdered cheese, of all kinds	\$1.44/kg		B	\$1.22/kg		1995 - 2000	SSG		
0406.30.00	Processed cheese, not grated or powdered	\$1.44/kg		B	\$1.22/kg		1995 - 2000	SSG		
0406.40	Blue-veined cheese:									
0406.40.10	Cheese, of the following types: (a) roquefort; (b) Stilton	0.0		B	0		1995 - 2000			
0406.40.90	Other	\$1.44/kg		B	\$1.22/kg		1995 - 2000	SSG		



Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQ) – to ensure post-tariffication market access

- Low tariff for limited volumes – in-quota tariff rate
- High tariff for imports outside the quota volume – out-of-quota tariff rate (MFN rate)
- **Tariffication:** Current and Minimum Access Opportunities :
3% - 5% of domestic consumption*
- **And also Post Uruguay round:** Article XXVIII negotiations and accession process



*Members that had already allowed import opportunities of more than 5% agreed to maintain these opportunities (current MA opportunities).

Table 1: Total number of scheduled tariff quotas by Member, 2015-2023

Background Paper by the Secretariat, G/AG/W/183/Rev.3



MEMBER	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1. Australia	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2. Barbados	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
3. Brazil	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4. Canada	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
5. Chile	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6. China	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
7. Colombia	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67
8. Costa Rica	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
9. Dominican Republic	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
10. Ecuador	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
11. El Salvador	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
12. European Union	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124
13. Guatemala	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
14. Iceland	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
15. India	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
16. Indonesia	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
17. Israel	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
18. Japan	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
19. Kazakhstan ¹⁴		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
20. Korea, Republic of	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63
21. Malaysia	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
22. Mexico	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
23. Moldova, Republic of	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
24. Morocco	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
25. New Zealand	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
26. Nicaragua	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
27. North Macedonia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
28. Norway	232	232	232	232	232	232	232	232	232
29. Panama	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
30. Philippines	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
31. Russian Federation	8	8	8	8	8	6	6	6	6
32. South Africa	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
33. Switzerland ¹⁵	28	28	28	26	26	26	26	26	26
34. Chinese Taipei	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
35. Thailand	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23

41 Members with TRQs (in their Schedules - Part I, Section I.B)



TRQ Administration

- **The rules**

- GATT Article XIII – non-discriminatory allocation to supplying countries
- Import Licensing Agreement - simple, transparent, predictable

- **AND:**

- notification requirements under the AoA
- December 2013 Bali Decision on tariff quota administration (WT/MIN(13)/39)
 - Complemented by March 2022 General Council Decision (WT/L/1132)

The methods

- (Applied tariffs)
- First come first served
- Licenses on demand
- Auctioning
- Historical
- State trading enterprises
- Producer groups

- ...



Special Agricultural Safeguard (AoA Article 5) to ensure post-tariffication market against *volume surge or price drop*

Additional tariffs on imports if price or volume conditions are met

- Protection Different from the general safeguards (in the Safeguards Agreement):
 - No need to **show serious injury to domestic producers**
 - Duty increases **can be triggered automatically** (price or volume triggers)
- Only for certain Members, and cannot be used within TRQs
- Subject to notification requirement



33 Members have reserved the right to use the SSG

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

From 2004 to 2015 the SSG has been used at least once by **8** of these members (highlighted in yellow)

Source: WTO Secretariat, TN/AG/S/29/Rev.1 and document JOB/AG/192 US communication

SCHEDULE CLXXIII - EUROPEAN UNION

This schedule is authentic only in the English language

PART I - MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION TARIFF

SECTION I - AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

SECTION I-A - TARIFFS

Tariff item number	Description of products	Bound rate of duty	Special safeguard	Initial negotiating right	Other terms and conditions
1	2	3	4	5	6
01	CHAPTER 1 - LIVE ANIMALS				
0101	Live horses, asses, mules and hinnies				
0101 10	- Pure-bred breeding animals				
0101 10 10	-- Horses	Free			See footnote (2).
0101 10 90	-- Other	7,7			
0101 90	- Other				
	-- Horses				
0101 90 11	--- For slaughter	Free			See footnote (2).
0101 90 19	--- Other	11,5			
0101 90 30	-- Asses	7,7			
0101 90 90	-- Mules and hinnies	10,9			
0102	Live bovine animals				
0102 10	- Pure-bred breeding animals				See footnote (2).
0102 10 10	-- Heifers (female bovines that have never calved)	Free			
0102 10 30	-- Cows	Free			
0102 10 90	-- Other	Free			
0102 90	- Other				
	-- Domestic species				
0102 90 05	--- Of a weight not exceeding 80 kg	10,2 + 93,1 ¥100 kg/het	SSG		Tariff quota.
	--- Of a weight exceeding 80 kg but not exceeding 160 kg				
0102 90 21	---- For slaughter	10,2 + 93,1 ¥100 kg/het	SSG		
0102 90 29	---- Other	10,2 + 93,1 ¥100 kg/het	SSG		Tariff quota.
	--- Of a weight exceeding 160 kg but not exceeding 300 kg				
0102 90 41	---- For slaughter	10,2 + 93,1 ¥100 kg/het	SSG		
0102 90 49	---- Other	10,2 + 93,1 ¥100 kg/het	SSG		Tariff quota.
	--- Of a weight exceeding 300 kg				



Pillar 2: Domestic Support

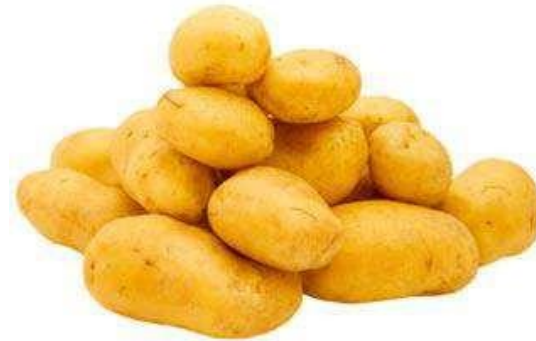
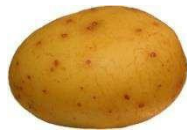
- Categories of support
- What are the limits, *if any*?





Domestic Support - classification and capping

Trade-distorting effects or effects on production?





The Boxes

Total domestic support



The Boxes

Total Aggregate Measurement of support

Green box – non or minimally trade distorting

Article 1 (a), (d) & (h)



Green box

Basic criteria (paragraph 1 Annex 2)

No, or at most minimal, trade-distorting effects or effects on production

provided through a publicly-funded government programme (including government revenue foregone) not involving transfers from consumers;

not have the effect of providing price support to producers;

Annex 2 para 1



Green Box – Scope

General services including:

- research
- pest and disease control
- training
- extension/advisory services
- inspection
- marketing and promotion
- infrastructural services

Public stockholding for food security purposes

Domestic food aid

Direct payments including:

- decoupled income support
- income insurance and income safety-net
- relief from natural disasters
- structural adjustment assistance
 - producer retirement
 - resource retirement
 - investment aids
- environmental programmes
- regional assistance programmes



The Boxes

Trade distorting Domestic support

Article 6.2

Development
support

Green box – non or
minimally trade distorting

Article 6.2



Article 6.2 – Development Programmes



- **investment subsidies generally available to agriculture**
- **input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource poor producers**
- **support to encourage diversification from growing illicit narcotic crops**

Examples:

Bangladesh – 2% interest rebate for repayment of loan on schedule. This is generally available to the marginal farmers of Bangladesh

Indonesia – Subsidies for feeds and fertilizer available to low-income or resource-poor producers of estate crops, food crops, horticulture and livestock



The Boxes

Trade distorting Domestic support

Article 6.2

**Development
support**

Blue box

**Production-
limiting programmes**

**Green box – non or
minimally trade distorting**



Blue Box (article 6.5)

Payments under production-limiting programmes exempt from reduction commitments if:

- **based on fixed area and yields; or**
- **made on $\leq 85\%$ of base level of production; or**
- **livestock payments made on a fixed number of head**

Examples:

EC – Payments based on fixed area and yields: support to Cotton, Voluntary Coupled Support including Trans-National Aid for various crops

Norway – Support to small and medium size dairy farms, Regional Deficiency Payment to milk and meat Production

China – Cotton target price subsidies

The Boxes

Trade distorting Domestic support

Article 6.2

Development
support

De
minimis

Blue box

Production
limitation prgms

Green box – non or
minimally trade distorting

Article 6.4



De-minimis (article 6.4)



- **Small allowance of Amber Box support exempt from AMS calculation**

- **If support greater than de minimis levels, must include in AMS calculation**



De minimis

Not taken into account in the AMS level :

■ AMS product specific level if :

< **5%** Value of prod. for developed countries

< **10%** Value of prod. For developing countries

■ AMS non product specific level if :

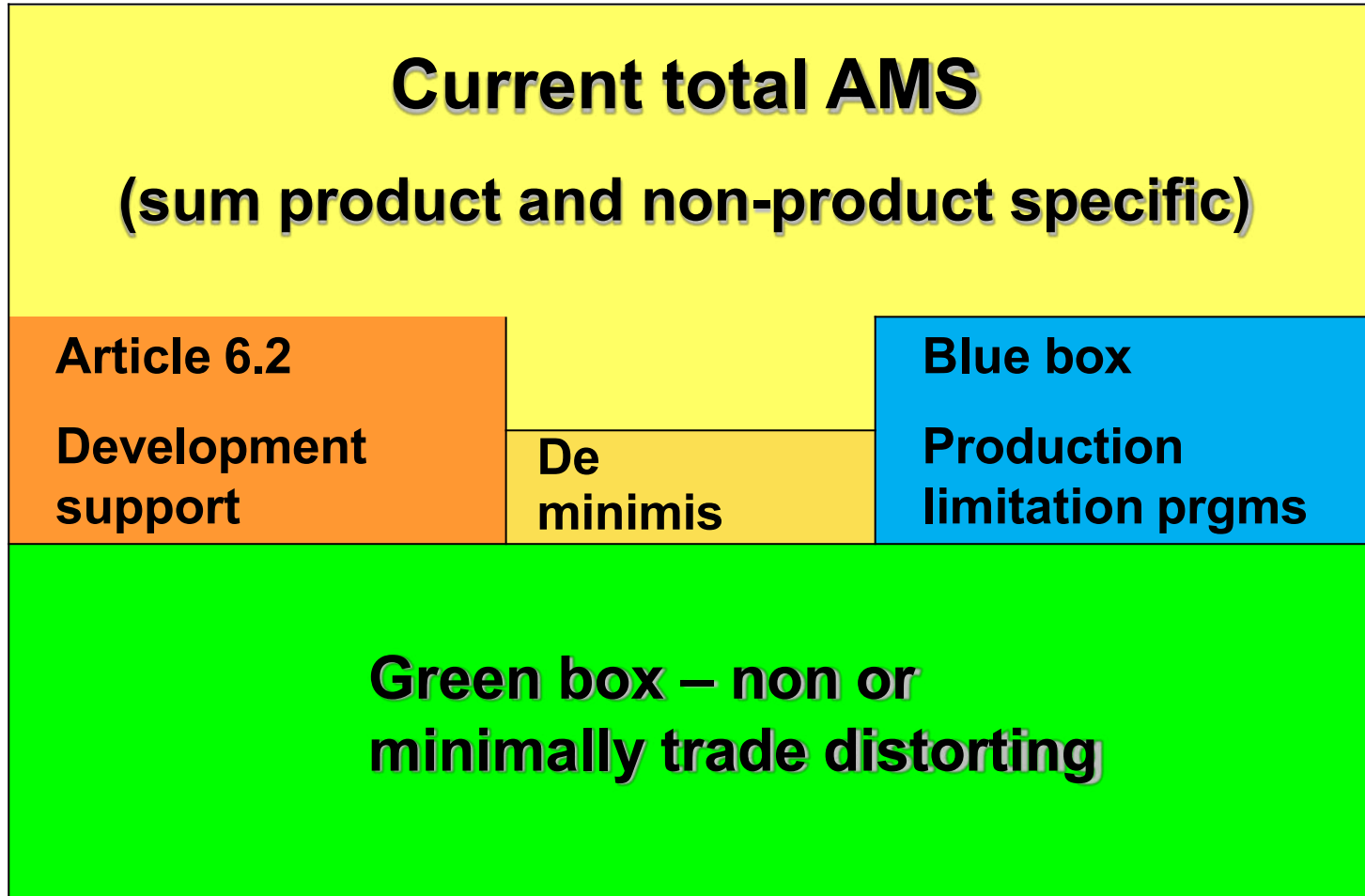
< **5%** Value of total prod. for developed countries

< **10%** Value of total prod. For developing countries

(And some exceptions China 8.5% - **Kazakhstan 8.5%**)



The Boxes





Domestic Support Reduction commitments

	Total AMS reduction	Period
Developed countries with Amber Box support above their 5% de minimis limit in the base period*	20%	6 years from 1995
Developing countries with Amber Box support above their 10% de minimis limit in the base period*	13%	10 years from 1995

*Base period = 1986-1988



AMS – Schedule of Commitments

Schedule LXXIX - THAILAND			
PART IV - AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: COMMITMENTS LIMITING SUBSIDIZATION (Article 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture)			
SECTION I - Domestic Support: Total AMS Commitments			
BASE TOTAL AMS (million Baht)	Years of implementation 1995 - 2004	Annual and final bound commitment levels (million Baht)	Relevant Supporting Tables and document reference
1	2	3	
22,126.18	1	21,816.41	AGST/THA
	2	21,506.64	Supporting Tables 4, 5, 8 and 9
	3	21,196.87	
	4	20,887.10	
	5	20,577.33	
	6	20,267.56	
	7	19,957.79	
	8	19,648.02	
	9	19,338.25	
	10	19,028.48	

Legally binding



Members with amber box subsidy reduction commitments in their Schedules (32)

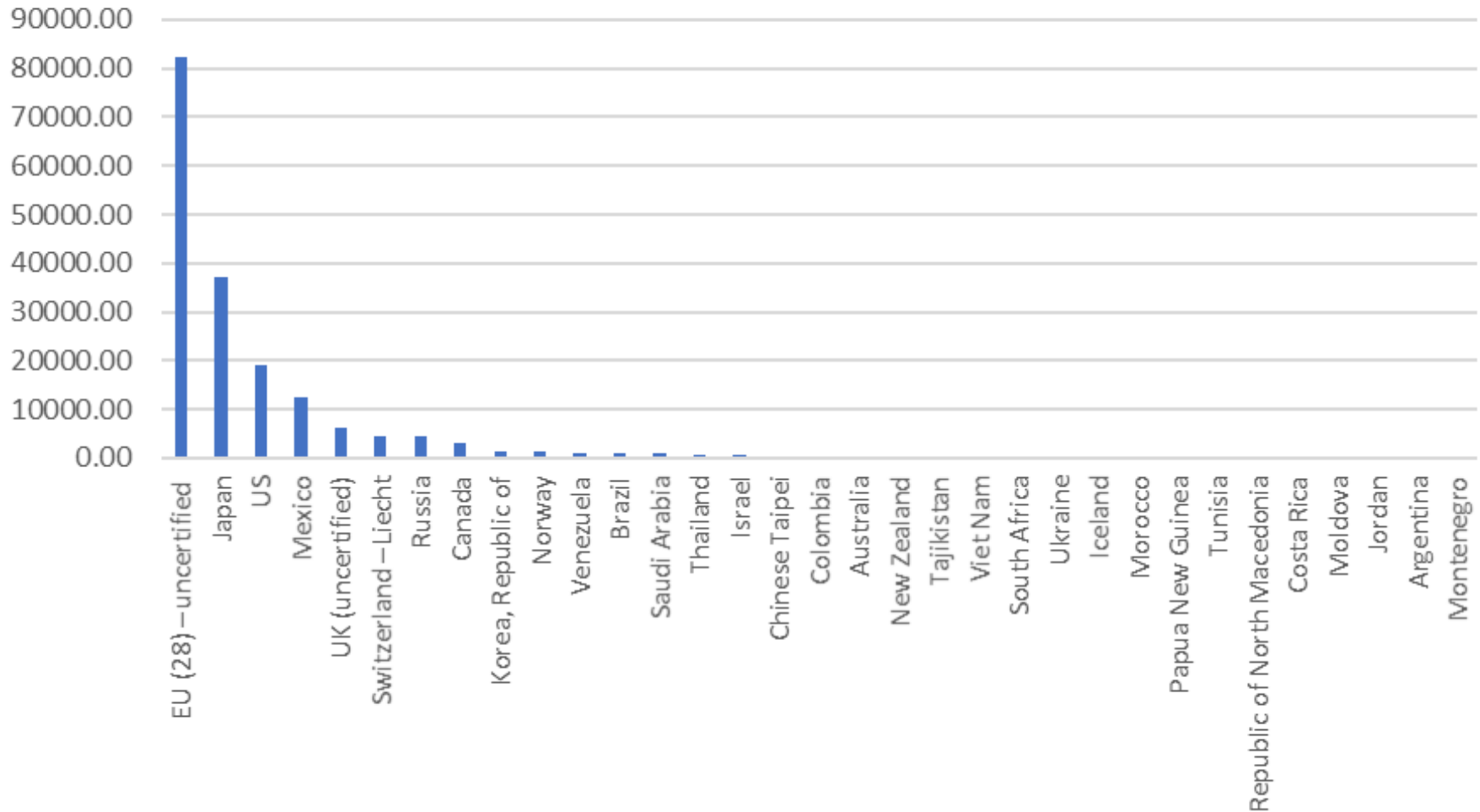
Argentina	Iceland	Morocco	Chinese Taipei
Australia	Israel	New Zealand	Tajikistan
Brazil	Japan	Norway	Thailand
Canada	Jordan	Papua New Guinea	Tunisia
Colombia	Korea (Rep. of)	Russia	Ukraine
Costa Rica	Mexico	Saudi Arabia	United States
European Union	Moldova	South Africa	Venezuela
North Macedonia	Montenegro	Switzerland-Liechtenstein	Vietnam

Plus United Kingdom



Final Bound Total AMS

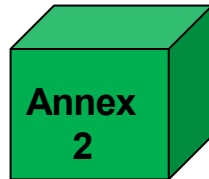
Final Bound Total AMS (Million USD)



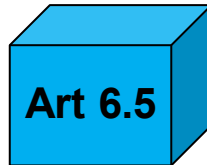


Domestic Support - Recap

Who can use what?



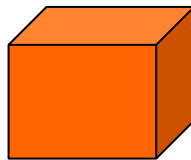
All Members, without limit



All Members, without limit



Developing countries, without limit



**Final Bound Total AMS for Members with such commitment;
Others - up to their *de minimis* limit**
(see Articles 6.1, 6.3, 6.4, Article 7, Annex 3, and Annex 4 of AoA)

Export Competition:

- **Export Subsidies disciplines**
- **As per *2015 Nairobi Ministerial Decision*: Elimination of Export Subsidies**



A long standing exception for agriculture...

GATT Article XVI – Subsidies

Recognition of the effects of export subsidies

- “...Contracting Parties recognize that the granting...of a **subsidy on the export of any product may have harmful effects...may cause undue disturbance to their normal commercial interests...**”
- Agree to **cease granting export subsidies** which reduce the export price below the domestic price for comparable products for **“non primary products”**
- For **“primary products”**, in a manner not to result in a more than equitable share of world trade in the product

SCM Agreement - article 3.1

“Except as provided in the Agreement on Agriculture, the following subsidies, within the meaning of Article 1, shall be prohibited:

- (a) subsidies contingent, in law or in fact, whether solely or as one of several other conditions, upon export performance, including those illustrated in Annex I...”



What Are Agriculture Export Subsidies – AoA Article 9.1

- a) **Direct subsidies contingent on export performance**
- b) **Sale or disposal for export by governments or their agencies of non-commercial stocks at prices below domestic market price**
- c) **Payments on exports financed by government action (including producer financed subsidies) (*Canada – Dairy; EC – Sugar*)**
- d) **Subsidies to reduce cost of marketing, including handling, upgrading, international transport and freight**
- e) **Favourable internal transport and freight charges on export shipments**
- f) **Subsidies on agricultural products contingent on their incorporation in exported products**

Art. 9.4
S&D



AoA Rules on Agriculture Export Subsidies

Pursuant to AoA Articles 3.3 and 8, export subsidies listed in Article 9.1 are

Permitted for products specified in Members' Schedule* not in excess of the budgetary outlay and quantity commitment levels specified

Prohibited for products not specified in Member's Schedule*

* Section II of Part IV thereof

* Except S&D treatment for subsidies listed in 9.1(d) and (e)



Members with reduction commitments

Unlike domestic support commitments, export subsidy commitments are **product-specific**

(Number of products)

Australia (6)	Iceland (2)	South-Africa (62)
Brazil (16)	Israel (6)	Switzerland-Liechtenstein (5)
Canada (11)	Mexico (5)	Turkey (44)
Colombia (18)	Norway (11)	United States (13)
European Union (20*)	New Zealand (1**)	Uruguay (3)
Indonesia (1)	Panama (1**)	Venezuela (72)

Notes:

Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Slovak Republic all had scheduled export subsidy reduction commitments but have since become member States of the EC.

* For EC15

** Applied to all AoA products



Prevention of Circumvention of Export Subsidy Commitments

Article 10 of AoA

- **Export subsidies not listed in Art.9.1** not to be applied in a manner that circumvents reduction commitments (*US - Upland Cotton*)
- Members **commit to develop** internationally agreed disciplines on export credits, export credit guarantees or insurance programmes
- Rules on **food aid** - to **avoid disposal of surplus** in the guise of food aid



Uruguay Round Reduction Commitments

Article 9.2(b)(iv) provides that Members must reduce:

	Developed countries	Developing countries
Implementation period	6 years (1995-2000)	10 years (1995-2004)
Cut in budgetary outlays	36%	24%
Cut in subsidized quantities	21%	14%

- Reduction commitments for developing countries : 2/3 of developed countries



Example: Schedule – export subsidies

Schedule XXI – INDONESIA

PART IV - AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: COMMITMENTS LIMITING SUBSIDIZATION (Article 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture)

SECTION II: Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Description of products and tariff item no, (HS 6 digits)	Base outlay level	Calendar/other year applied	Years of implementation 1995 - 2004	Annual and final outlay commitment levels	Base quantity	Calendar/other year applied	Years of implementation 1995 - 2004	Annual and final quantity commitment levels	Relevant Supporting Tables and document reference
1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8
Rice	28,348,230		1995	27,667,872	299,750		1995	295,553	AGST/IDN: Supporting Table 11
			1996	26,987,515		1996	291,357		
			1997	26,307,157		1997	287,160		
			1998	25,626,800		1998	282,964		
			1999	24,946,442		1999	278,767		
			2000	24,266,085		2000	274,571		
			2001	23,585,727		2001	270,374		
			2002	22,905,369		2002	266,178		
			2003	22,225,012		2003	261,981		
			2004	21,544,654		2004	257,785		

- 24%

- 14%





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Ministerial Conference
Fifth Session
Nairobi, 15-18 December 2015

EXPORT COMPETITION

MINISTERIAL DECISION OF 19 DECEMBER 2015

The Ministerial Conference,

having regard to paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization;

Decides as follows:

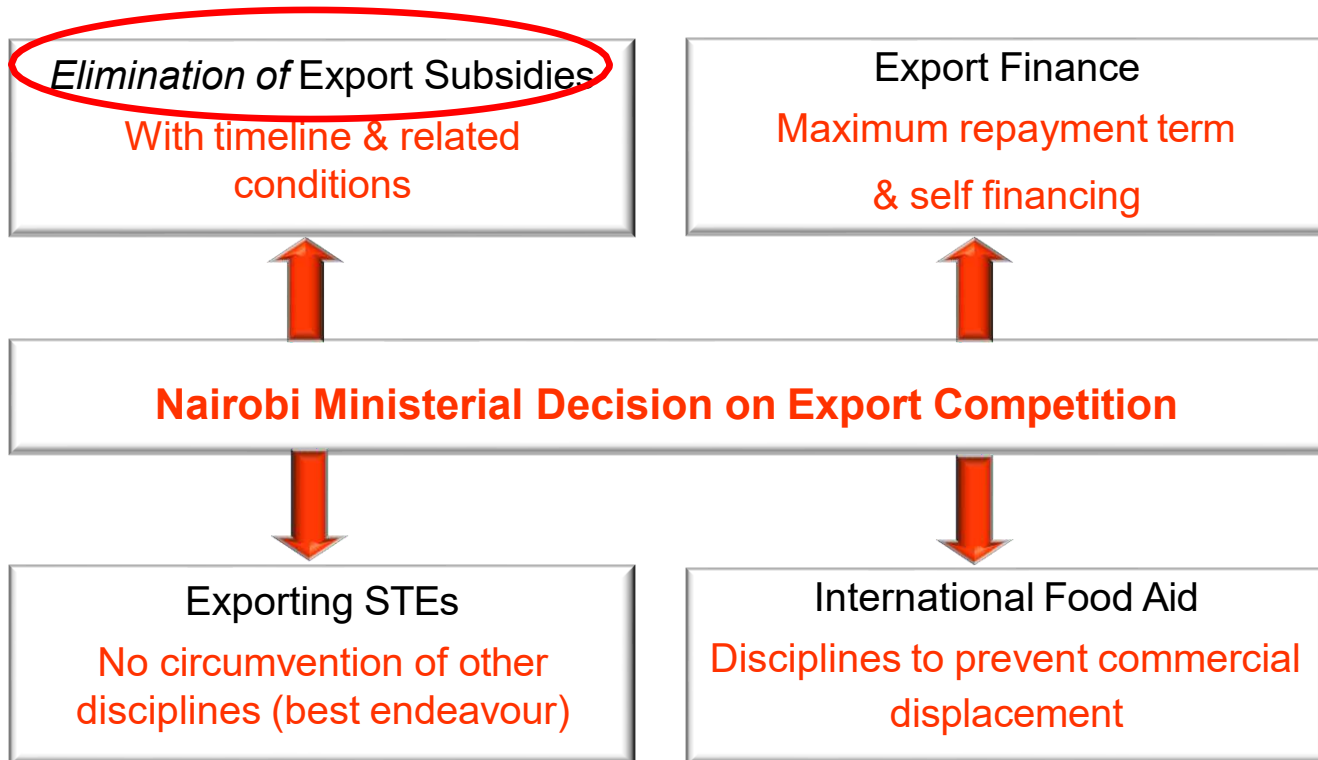
General

1. Members reaffirm their commitment, pursuant to the 2013 Bali Ministerial Declaration on Export Competition¹, to exercise utmost restraint with regard to any recourse to all forms of export subsidies and all export measures with equivalent effect.
2. Nothing in this Decision can be construed to give any Member the right to provide, directly or indirectly, export subsidies in excess of the commitments specified in Members' Schedules, or to otherwise detract from the obligations of Article 9 of the Agreement on Agriculture. Furthermore, nothing can be construed to imply any change to the obligations and rights under Article 10.1 of the Agreement on Agriculture or to diminish in any way existing obligations under other provisions of the Agreement on Agriculture or other WTO Agreements.
3. Nor can anything in this Decision be construed to diminish in any way the existing commitments contained in the Marrakesh Ministerial Decision of April 2004 on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-developed and Net-food-importing Developing Countries and the Ministerial Decision of 14 November 2003 on Implementation-related Issues and Concerns² on, *inter alia*, commitment levels of food aid, provision of food aid by donors, technical and financial assistance in the context of aid programmes to improve agricultural productivity and infrastructure, and financing normal levels of commercial imports of basic foodstuffs. Nor could it be understood to alter the regular review of these decisions by the Ministerial Conference and monitoring by the Committee on Agriculture.
4. The Committee on Agriculture shall monitor the implementation of this Decision by Members in accordance with existing notification requirements under the Agreement on Agriculture, as complemented by the provisions set out in the Annex to this Decision.
5. The regular sessions of the Committee on Agriculture shall review every three years the disciplines contained in this Decision, with the aim of enhancing disciplines to ensure that no circumvention threatens export subsidy elimination commitments and to prevent non-commercial transactions from being used as circumvention tools.

¹ Document WT/MIN(13)/40 and WT/L/913.
² Document WT/MIN(03)/17.



2015 Ministerial Decision WT/MIN(15)/45



- Special and differential treatment
- Cotton
- Monitoring and surveillance



Export Subsidies – key points


December 2015 Nairobi Decision

Elimination of export subsidies (ES)

- **Developed country Members with export subsidy entitlements. Eliminate:**
 - ❑ As a general rule, immediately , as of the date of adoption of the Decision
 - ❑ Exception for EU sugar quantities under existing programme until 30/09/2017
 - ❑ Exception for processed products, dairy products and swine meat under certain conditions (if ES notified in 3 latest notifications examined by CoA, plus other conditions) until the end of 2020

- **Developing country Members with export subsidy entitlements. Eliminate:**
 - ❑ As a general rule, by the end of 2018
 - ❑ Exception for products for which ES notified in 3 latest notifications examined by CoA until the end of 2022

- **Developing country Members - Article 9.4 flexibility**
 - ❑ As a general rule, continue until the end of 2023
 - ❑ LDCs and NFIDCs listed in G/AG/5/Rev.10, continue until the end of 2030

Member	Submission of revised draft schedule containing modifications to part IV pursuant to the Nairobi Decision on Export Competition	Certification of the new Schedule
Australia	Circulated on 22 February 2017 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/454	Certified as of 22 May 2017 Document WT/LET/1262 
Brazil	Circulated on 28 October 2021 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/660	Certified as of 28 January 2022 Document WT/LET/1560
Canada	Circulated on 11 December 2017 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/512	
Colombia	Circulated on 22 June 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/566	Certified as of 22 September 2018 Document WT/LET/1411
European Union	Circulated on 17 October 2017 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/506	
Iceland	Circulated on 15 March 2019 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/584	Certified as of 15 June 2019 Document WT/LET/1440
Indonesia	Circulated on 12 October 2020 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/619	Certified as of 12 January 2021 Document WT/LET/1507
Israel	Circulated on 11 December 2017 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/511	Certified as of 11 March 2018 Document WT/LET/1348
Mexico	Circulated on 10 January 2019 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/578	Certified as of 10 April 2019 Document WT/LET/1430
Norway	Circulated on 28 November 2017 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/507	Certified as of 28 February 2018 Document WT/LET/1342
South Africa	Circulated on 2 March 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/524 Circulated on 10 July 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/524/Add.1 and G/MA/TAR/RS/568 Circulated on 29 November 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/524/Add.2	Certified as of 10 October 2018 Document WT/LET/1416 Certified as of 29 November 2018 Document WT/LET/1422
Switzerland	Circulated on 2 May 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/539	Certified as of 2 August 2018 Document WT/LET/1385
Türkiye	Circulated on 18 June 2019 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/588	Certified as of 18 September 2019 Document WT/LET/1446
United States	Circulated on 8 August 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/571	Certified as of 8 November 2018 Document WT/LET/1418
Uruguay	Circulated on 26 June 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/567	Certified as of 26 September 2018 Document WT/LET/1413



Export Finance – Key points December 2015 Nairobi

- **Maximum repayment term: 18 months**
 - ❑ **From the last day of 2017 for developed country Members**
 - ❑ **After phasing-in period of 4 years (end 2019) for developing country Members**

- **Self Financing for export credit guarantees, (re)insurance and other risk cover programmes (i.e. not direct financing support)**

- **S&D treatment for importing LDCs and NFIDCs as listed in G/AG/5/Rev.10 (+ 9 SVEs)**
 - ❑ **Comprises allowance for repayment term between 36 and 54 months for acquisition of basic foodstuffs**
 - ❑ **Extended time-frame in exceptional circumstances**

Agricultural exporting STEs – key points

December 2015 Nairobi

- **Ensure that agricultural exporting STEs do not operate in a manner that circumvents other disciplines of the Decision**
- **Best efforts to ensure that the use of export monopoly powers by agricultural exporting STEs minimizes trade distorting effects and does not displace or impede another Member's exports**

International food aid – key points

December 2015 Nairobi

Objective

- Prevent or minimize commercial displacement

General commitments

- Maintain adequate level of international food aid
- Take account of the interests of food aid recipients
- Do not unintentionally impede the delivery of food aid in emergency situations.

Specific commitments

- Needs-driven
- In fully grant form
- Not tied directly or indirectly to commercial exports
- Not linked to market development objectives
- Not re-exported (with well justified exceptions)



International food aid – key points

December 2015 Nairobi

Local markets and production

- Take into account local market conditions (same or substitute products)
- Not provide in-kind food aid if risk adverse effect on local or regional production / undue impact on established commercial markets
- Encouraged to seek to procure food aid from local or regional sources

Monetization

- Where demonstrable need for monetization for transport and delivery OR to redress short /long term food deficit requirements or insufficient agricultural production situations giving rise to chronic hunger and malnutrition in LDCs and NFIDCs (+ 9 SVEs)
- Complete local/regional market analysis before monetization occurs
- Independent third party entities for monetization to ensure transparent and open market competition for the sale of food aid.
- Minimize or eliminate disruptions to local or regional markets
- Government of a recipient country can opt out from monetization



Recap: Key Principles - three "pillars" of AoA

Market access

Domestic support

Export competition

Special and differential treatment

Tariffs

Green Box

Tariff Quotas

Blue Box

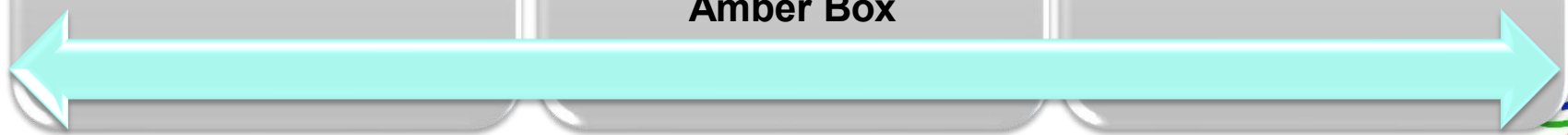
Special Safeguard

Article 6.2 (Development Programmes)

Export subsidies

Anti-Circumvention

Amber Box



Rules and commitments



What type of notifications?

Regular/annual

- Post-facto, i.e. after the end of the ‘year’
- Even a ‘nil’ statement may be required to be notified

Ad hoc:

- Only when a concerned measure is taken recourse to

Others:

- *one-off* (TRQ administration)
- *up-front* (Price-based SSG)

Notification Symbol: G/AG/N/Member’s code (*e.g KAZ,KGZ,TJK*)
/notification number

In which format?

Formats prescribe the required common minimum information to be included in notifications: [G/AG/2](#), [G/AG/2/Add.1](#), [G/AG/2/Add.2](#), [G/AG/2/Add.3](#)

Handbook on Notification Requirements
Under the Agreement on Agriculture
(Second Edition)



General explanation and mock examples included in the Handbook on Notification Requirements under the Agreement on Agriculture :

[https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/2nd_edition_of_the_handbook_\(advance_pdf_version\)_e.pdf](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/2nd_edition_of_the_handbook_(advance_pdf_version)_e.pdf)

Committee's discussions and records also offer additional guidance on timeliness and completeness of notifications- see CoA Reports [G/AG/R/*](#) series (latest [G/AG/R/116](#)) and [Agriculture Information Management System](#): <https://agims.wto.org/>

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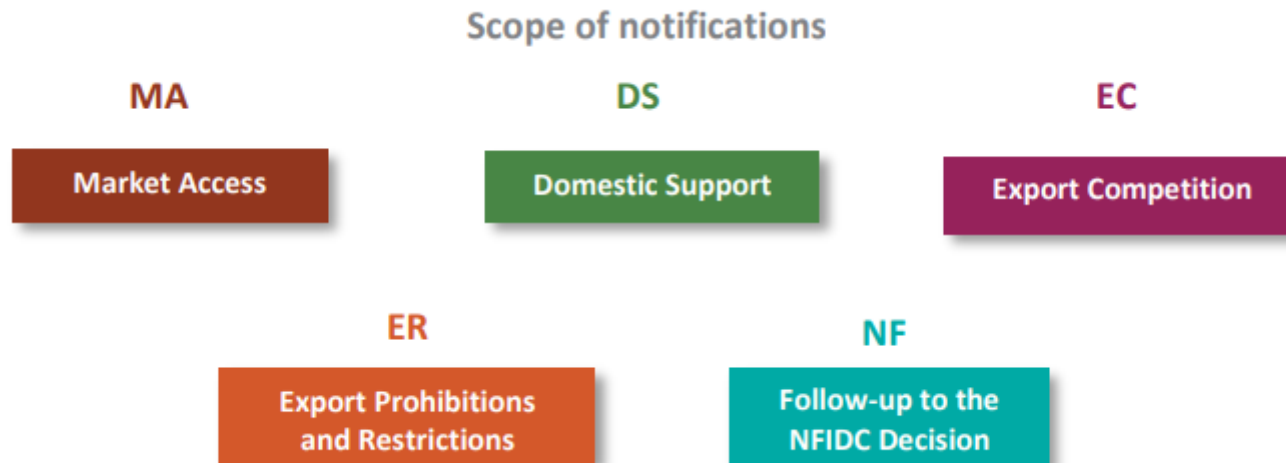
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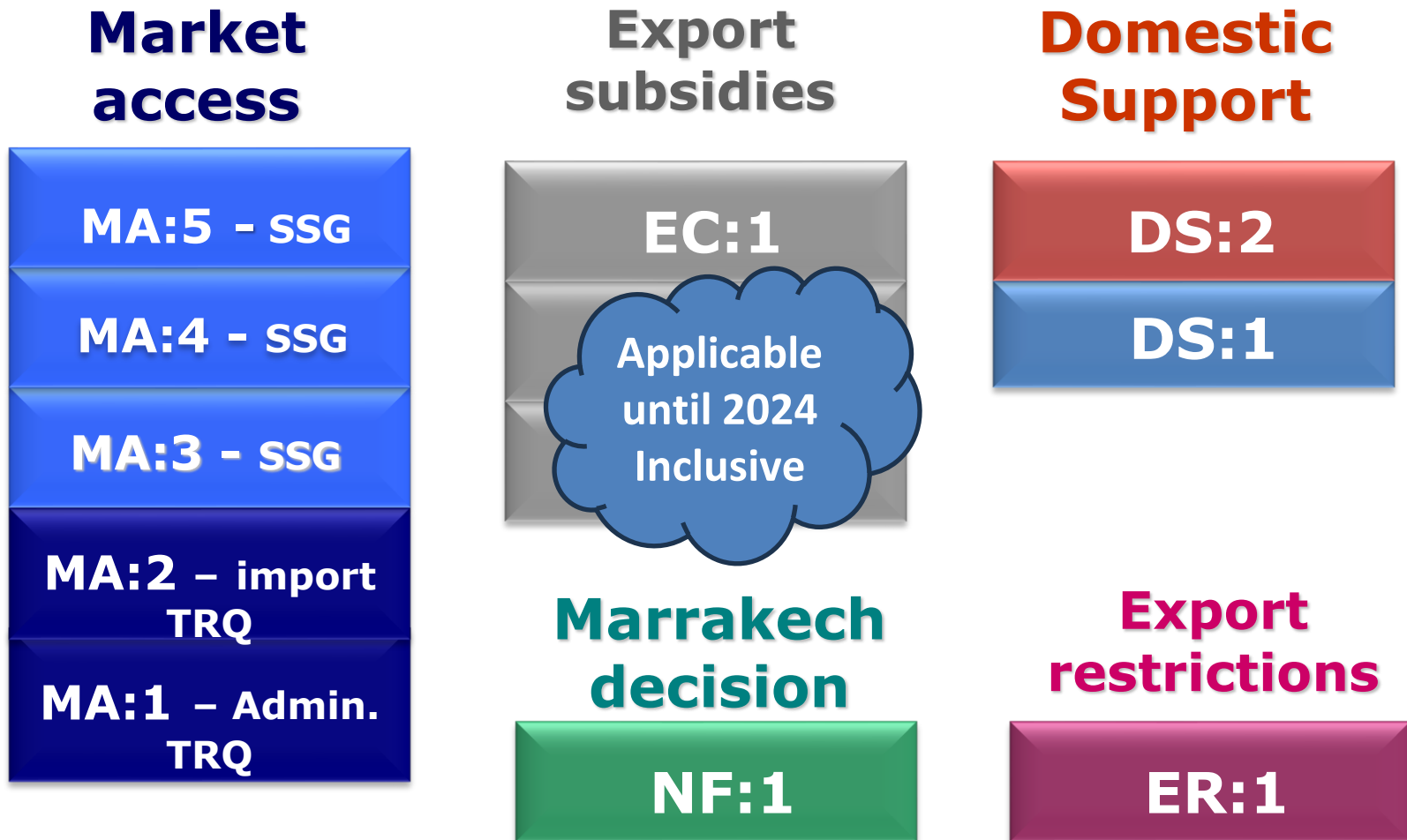
In which areas?



Who has to notify what?

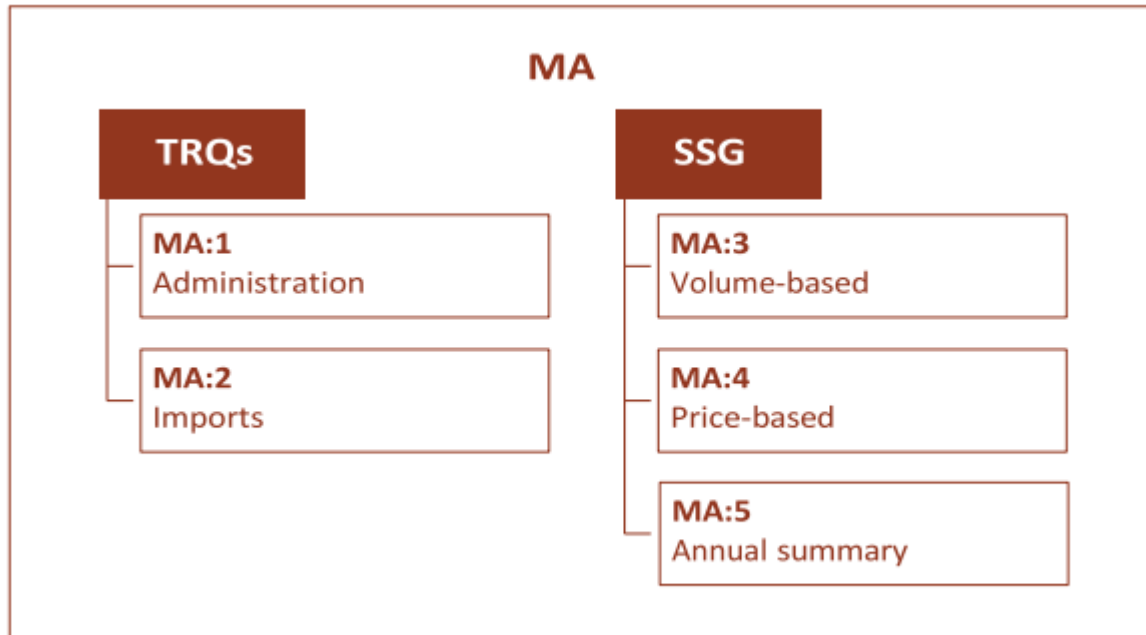
MA: Tariff Rate Quota	Only Members with scheduled TRQs
MA: Special Safeguard	Only Members with scheduled SSG
DS: Domestic Support	All Members
ES, EC: Export subsidies	All Members
ER: Export prohibition and restriction	All Members
NF: Follow-up NFIDC Decision	All donor Members

Which areas? More detailed...





Notification formats



MA

TRQ

Ad hoc

Table MA.1

Administration methods
and any changes

Annual

Table MA.2

Quantities of in-quota-imports

Only Members with commitments



MA:1 Template (G/AG/2/Add.3)

Annex

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	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)		
1	2	3
		<p>Description of the arrangements to be applied in order to provide the market access opportunities specified in the Member's Schedule, including, as appropriate:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(c) details of other arrangements (not involving import licenses) under which access to quotas is to be administered;</p> <p>(d) any other information relevant to the implementation of market access opportunities under such arrangements, unless already provided under entries a) to c) above, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Timeline of annual publication of tariff rate quota (TRQ) application procedures; ii. Name and number of the competent authority that the applicant must approach in connection with application for a TRQ license; iii. Type of application processing (e.g. "as and when received" cases or "simultaneous" consideration cases), and expected processing time; iv. Consideration of issuing licenses in economic quantities.

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Example MA:1 first submission

Table MA:1

MARKET ACCESS: KAZAKHSTAN

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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
Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Beef	0201 10 000 1 0201 20 200 1 0201 20 300 1 0201 20 500 1 0201 20 900 1 0201 30 000 4 0202 10 000 1 0202 20 100 1 0202 20 300 1 0202 20 500 1 0202 20 900 1 0202 30 100 4 0202 30 500 4 0202 30 900 4	Description of the arrangement of the market access: (a) <u>Allocation of quotas to supplying countries</u> : global. (b) <u>Allocation of licences or access to quotas to importers</u> : (i) Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan is competent to grant access to quotas. (ii), (iii) 55% of the quota volume is allocated to individuals or companies based on historical trade performance in the importation of meat, 45 % of the quota volume is allocated to meat processors in accordance with the requested volumes, except for goods under HS 0201, for which tariff quotas are allocated based on the "First come, first served" basis. (iv) Period of the quota is set from 1 January 2016 till 31 December 2016 inclusively. (c) <u>Details of other arrangements</u> : not applicable. (d) <u>Any other information relevant to the implementation of market access opportunities under such arrangements</u> : not applicable.

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Example MA:1 change

Table MA: 1

MARKET ACCESS: KAZAKHSTAN

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2018

Implementation of market access opportunities: Tariff and other quota commitments

TQ ID	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)		
	1	2	
KAZQ001	Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Beef	0201100001,0201202001,0201203001,0201205001,0201209001,0201300004,0202100001,0202201001,0202203001,0202205001,0202209001,0202301004,0202305004,0202309004	<p>(a) Allocation of quotas to supplying countries: global.</p> <p>(b) Allocation of licences or of access to quotas to importers:</p> <p>(i) Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan is competent to grant access to quotas.</p> <p>(ii), (iii) 54% of the quota volume is allocated based on historical trade performance in the importation of meat, 44 % of the quota volume is allocated to meat processors in accordance with the requested in the importation of meat, 2% of the quota volume is allocated to new suppliers in the order of priority of applications of new suppliers for an import license, for which tariff quotas are allocated based on the "First come, first served" basis;</p> <p>(iv) Period of the quota is set from 1 January 2018 till 31 December 2018 inclusively.</p> <p>(c) Details of other arrangements (not involving import licences): not applicable.</p> <p>(d) Other information: not applicable.</p>



MA:2 Template (G/AG/2)

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



Example MA:2

Table MA:2

MARKET ACCESS: KAZAKHSTAN

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR FROM 01-01-2023 TO 31-12-2023

Lists relating to tariff and other quota commitments

TQ ID	Description of products (from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part I of the Schedule)	Tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description	Not opened	Reporting Year			Unit	Tariff quota quantity for period	In-quota imports during period	Fill rate ((4/3)*100)	Note
				Type	From	To		(derived from Section I-B (or I-A) of Part 1 of the Schedule)			
				1	2	3		4			
KAZQ001	Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Beef	0201100001, 0201202001, 0201203001, 0201205001, 0201209001, 0201300004, 0202100001, 0202201001, 0202203001, 0202205001, 0202209001, 0202301004, 0202305004, 0202309004	<input type="checkbox"/>	Calendar	01-01-23	31-12-23	thousand tonnes	21	0.993	4.7%	(1)
KAZQ002	Frozen non-rolled halves or quarters timbers carcasses of Poultry and frozen non-rolled legs of Poultry and pieces from them	0207142001, 0207146001	<input type="checkbox"/>	Calendar	01-01-23	31-12-23	thousand tonnes	128	80.611	63%	(2)
KAZQ003	Meat, and Edible offal, of the Poultry of Heading 0105, Fresh, Chilled or Frozen, not listed above	0207131001, 0207141001, 0207261001, 0207271001, 0207273001, 0207274001, 0207276001, 0207277001, 0207111001, 0207113001, 0207119001, 0207121001, 0207129001, 0207132001, 0207133001, 0207134001, 0207135001, 0207136001, 0207137001, 0207139101, 0207139901, 0207143001, 0207144001, 0207145001, 0207147001, 0207149101, 0207149901, 0207241001, 0207249001, 0207251001,	<input type="checkbox"/>	Calendar	01-01-23	31-12-23	thousand tonnes	12	4.546	37.9%	(3)

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Special Safeguard

Table MA.3
Volume-based
safeguard

Ad hoc

Table MA.4
Price-based safeguard

Ad hoc

Table MA.5
Annual Summary

Annual

Only Members who have reserved the right



MA:3 Template (G/AG/2)

Table MA:3

MARKET ACCESS – NAME OF MEMBER

Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: Special safeguard: Volume-based

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))*

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:



MA:4 Template (G/AG/2)

Table MA:4

MARKET ACCESS: NAME OF MEMBER

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

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:**

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:



MA:5 Template (G/AG/2)

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

Domestic support

DS

Annual

Table DS:1
Current Total Aggregate
Measurement of Support (AMS)

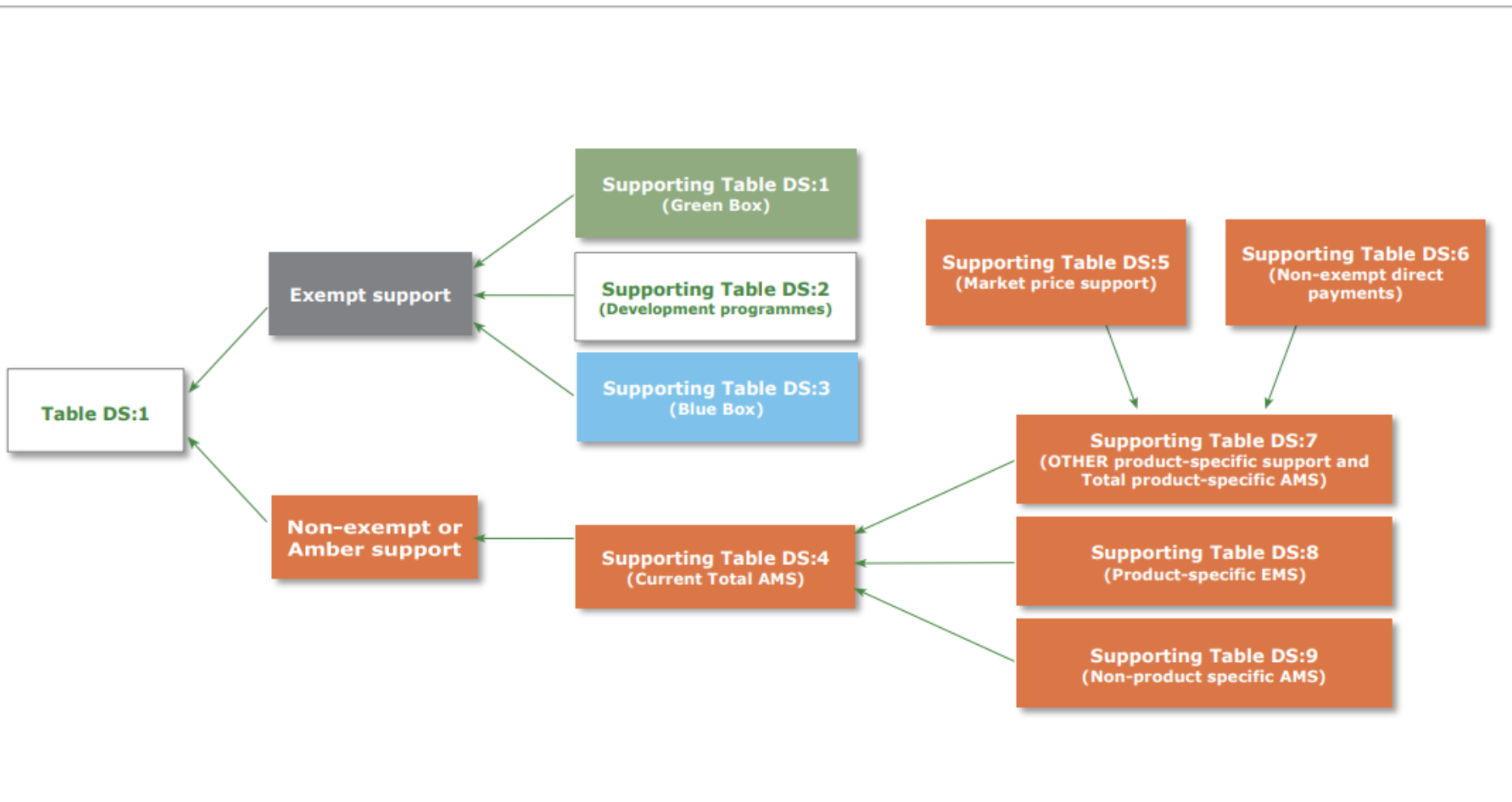
Ad hoc

Table DS:2
Introduction of new/modified
«exempt » measure

All Members



Structure of Table DS:1 Notification





DS:1 Template (G/AG/2)

Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: NAME OF MEMBER

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



ST/DS:1 Template (G/AG/2)

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"



ST/DS:2 Template (G/AG/2)

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"



ST/DS:3 Template (G/AG/2)

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% or less of the base level of production"
- (c) "livestock payments made on a fixed number of head"



ST/DS:4 Template (G/AG/2)

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



ST/DS:5 Template (G/AG/2)

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



ST/DS:6 Template (G/AG/2)

Supporting Table DS:6

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: NAME OF MEMBER

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR, MARKETING YEAR, ETC.

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

Description of basic products	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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ((4-5)*6)	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11



ST/DS:7 Template (G/AG/2)

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 products	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



ST/DS:8 Template (G/AG/2)

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



ST/DS:9 Template (G/AG/2)

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:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: NAME OF MEMBER

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

(1) Full title of measure:

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:

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"; **and/or**

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"; **and/or**

Article 6:5: Exempt direct payments: (a) "payments based on fixed area and yields"; (b) payments based on 85% or less of the base level of production"; (c) "livestock payments made on a fixed number of head".

(4) Cost of measure:

(5) Date of entry into effect:

(6) Period of application:

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

DS:2 Template (G/AG/2)

Export subsidies/competition

ES

Exportations subventionnées

Supporting table
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Art. 9:4 (DgCs)

Tables ES: 1
to Notify

Tables ES: 2
to Notify

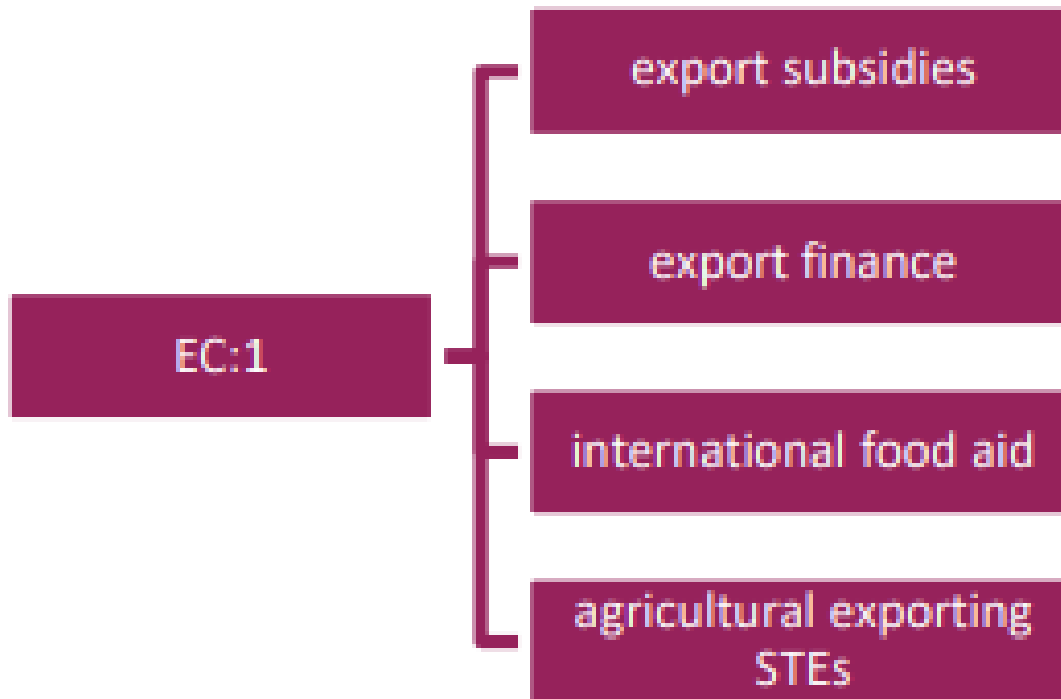
Tables ES: 3
to Notify
International food aid

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EC

New Template (G/L/2/add.2)



All Members

By 30 June each year

OVERALL 'NIL' EC:1 STATEMENT– VIA ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members not applying export subsidies, and not having programmes or entities covered under the sections on export financing, international food aid and agricultural exporting state trading enterprises, may submit an overall "Nil" EC:1 statement by way of an oral announcement in the Committee on Agriculture.

EC:1(G/L/2/add.2)



Table EC:1

B. EXPORT FINANCING

- I.** Export credits, export credit guarantees or insurance programmes ("export financing support") provided by a WTO Member for exports of agricultural products that are covered by the Nairobi Decision on export competition and therefore subject to this notification requirement comprise, as defined in paragraph 13 of the Nairobi Decision:
- direct financing support, comprising direct credits/financing, refinancing, and interest rate support;
 - risk cover, comprising export credit insurance or reinsurance and export credit guarantees;
 - government-to-government credit agreements covering the imports of agricultural products from the creditor country under which some or all of the risk is undertaken by the government of the exporting country; and
 - any other form of governmental export credit support, direct or indirect, including deferred invoicing and foreign exchange risk hedging.
- II.** The Nairobi Decision covers export financing support provided by a government or any public body as referred to in Article 1.1(a)(1) of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. Working capital financing to the suppliers is not covered under the export credits as defined by the Nairobi Decision.
- III.** In section B of the Table EC:1 notification covering export financing support, a Member shall provide the following information **for each export financing support programme it maintains**:
- Description of the programme (classification within the following categories: direct financing support, risk cover, government to government credit agreements or any other form of governmental export credit support) and relevant legislation;
 - Description of Export Financing Entity;
 - Total value of export of agricultural products covered by export credits, export credit guarantees or insurance programmes and use per programme;
 - Annual average premium rates/fees per programme;
 - Maximum repayment terms per programme;
 - Annual average repayment periods per programme;
 - Export destination or group of destinations per programme;
 - Programme use by product or product group;
 - Information on export financing support in favour of LDCs and NFIDCs.

- IV.** For export financing programmes covering both agricultural products and non-agricultural products, the Members concerned should provide information, to the extent feasible, specific to agricultural products.
- V.** A notifying Member facing challenges in furnishing complete information for one or more entries in section B of the **Table EC:1** notification, should strive to provide the required information to the extent possible.
- VI.** Members not having recourse to export financing programmes for exports of agricultural products should provide a confirmatory "nil" statement to this effect in section B of the **Table EC:1** notification.

C. INTERNATIONAL FOOD AID

- I.** In section C of the **Table EC:1** notification, a donor Member shall provide the following information in relation to **each international food aid programme it maintains**:
- Description of the programme, including Agency responsible within the food aid donor Member for the provision of food aid.
 - Product description.
 - Quantity and/or value of food aid provided, including quantity of food aid provided to LDCs and NFIDCs
 - Members should, to the extent possible, provide value of food aid provided to LDCs and NFIDCs, as well as the names of the LDC and NFIDC recipient countries.
 - Description of whether food aid is provided on in-kind, untied cash-based basis and whether monetisation was permitted
 - Members should, to the extent possible, furnish information on food aid in terms of whether it is provided directly to recipient countries or through relevant international humanitarian entities; and whether it is sourced from domestic agricultural production or procured from local or regional sources.
 - Description of whether food aid is in fully grant form or concessional terms.
 - Description of relevant needs assessment (and by whom) and whether food aid is responding to a declaration of emergency or an emergency appeal (and by whom).
 - Description of whether re-export of food aid is an option under the terms of the provision of food aid.



- II. A notifying Member facing challenges in furnishing complete information for one or more entries in section C of the **Table EC:1** notification should strive to provide the required information to the extent possible.
- III. Members not granting international food aid should provide a confirmatory "nil" statement to this effect in section C of the **Table EC:1** notification.

D. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTING STATE TRADING ENTERPRISES (STEs)

- I. For the purpose of the disciplines set out in the Nairobi Decision on export competition, an agricultural exporting state trading enterprise shall be any enterprise which is engaged in exports of agricultural products as listed in Annex 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture and meets the working definition provided for in the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII of the GATT 1994:

"Governmental and non-governmental enterprises, including marketing boards, which have been granted exclusive or special rights or privileges, including statutory or constitutional powers, in the exercise of which they influence through their purchases or sales the level or direction of imports or exports." It is understood that where there is reference to the "rights and privileges" that "influence ... the level or direction of imports" in the preceding sentence, this matter of imports is not per se a matter falling under the disciplines of this Decision which relates, rather, solely to the matter of exports under that working definition.⁴

- II. In section D of the Table EC:1 notification, a Member shall provide the following information in relation to each agricultural exporting STEs it maintains:

1. Enumeration of State Trading Enterprises
 - Identification of state trading enterprises;
 - Description of products affected (Including tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description).
2. Reason and purpose
 - Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise;
 - Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers.
3. Description of the functioning of the State Trading Enterprise
 - Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise;
 - Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise.

Additional information subject to normal commercial confidentiality considerations

1. Exports (value/volume);
 2. Export prices;
 3. Export destination.
- I. For completing section D of the **Table EC:1** notification, a Member can reproduce the reply to the questionnaire of the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises (WPSTE). The information presented to the WPSTEs may need to be updated or completed for this exercise, especially for years during which no notification is provided to the WPSTE.
 - II. A notifying Member facing challenges in furnishing complete information for one or more entries in section D of the **Table EC:1** notification, should strive to provide the required information to the extent possible.
 - III. Members not having exporting agricultural STEs should provide a confirmatory "nil" statement to this effect in section D of the **Table EC:1** notification.



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NF:1

Template

(G/AG/2)

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.

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

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



Export Restriction Template (G/AG/2)

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

All Members BUT

Developing country Members are obliged to notify only when they are net-exporter of the product concerned

Notification status overview

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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT¹

Revision

The present document has been prepared to assist with the consideration of the agenda item "overdue notifications" during the 114th meeting of the Committee on Agriculture to be held on 24-26 November 2025. It reflects Members' compliance with their regular notification obligations² as of 6 November 2025.

In preparing this note, the Secretariat has largely relied on the Agriculture Information Management System (AG-IMS).³



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Handbook on Notification Requirements
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Some relevant documents:

Committee on Agriculture Working Procedures– **G/AG/1**

Notification Requirements and Formats– **G/AG/2 (& add.1, add.2, add.3)**

Compliance with notification obligations– **G/AG/GEN/86/Rev.#**

Implementation of the decision of measures concerning the possible negative effects of the reform programme on least developed and net-food importing developing countries – **G/AG/W/42/Rev.#**

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