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**Committee on Agriculture**

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**NOTIFICATION**

The following submission, dated 8 May 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of **Norway**. The notification concerns new or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction (**Table DS:2**).

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**Table DS:2****DOMESTIC SUPPORT: NORWAY**

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

**(1) FULL TITLE OF MEASURE:**

Support to small and medium size dairy farms.

**(2) DOMESTIC LEGISLATION REFERENCE:**

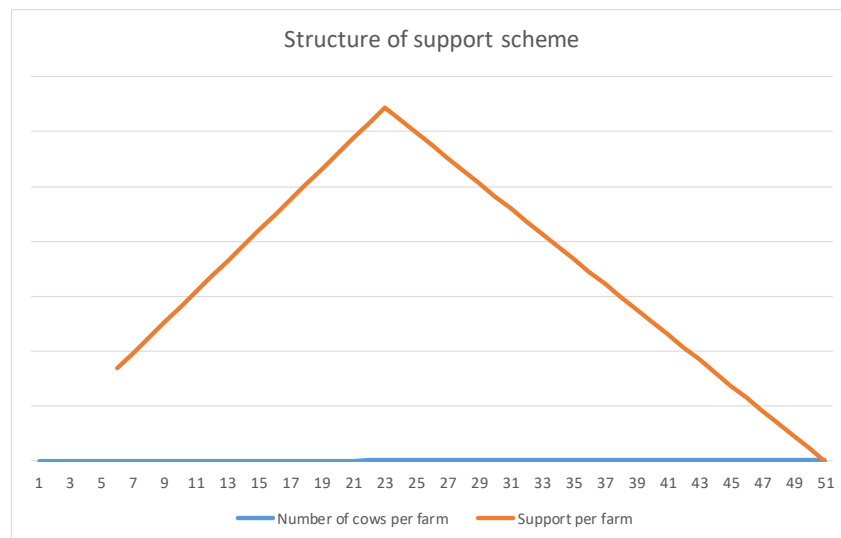
The annual Agricultural Agreement, Proposition to the Parliament (Storting) 94 S (2017-2018), approved by the Parliament 14 June 2018.

**(3) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE WITH REFERENCE TO CRITERIA:**

*The programme is implemented in accordance with the requirements of Article 6.5(a)(ii) of the Agreement on Agriculture; payments made on 85 percent or less of the base level of production.*

The programme is a publicly funded government programme approved by the Parliament. Producers are eligible to receive payments under the programme based on the number of milk cows.

The aim of the programme is to strengthen the economy of small and medium size dairy farms in Norway. The payment is made per milk cow, to farms that have at least six or more cows, independently of the yield per cow. A fixed amount per cow is paid from cow 1 to cow 23. The maximum amount of support is granted to farms with 23 cows. As from cow 24, the total amount is reduced per additional cow. Farms with more than 50 milk cows do not receive any payment through this measure. All farms with 6 to 50 milk cows are eligible to receive support based on their numbers of cows.

**Figure 1: Support scheme to small and medium size dairy farms. Payments per farm.**

Eligible number of milk cows is limited to maximum 85 percent of the base level of production in accordance with the criteria set out in Article 6.5(a)(ii) of the Agreement on Agriculture. The maximum eligible number is calculated based on historic production during the three years preceding the adoption of this programme. The programme was adopted by the Parliament in 2018, and accordingly the base period includes the years 2015 through 2017. The annual average number of milk cows in this period was 223,501. Following this, the base level of production is 223,501 milk cows, and the maximum eligible number of milk cows are 189,975.

The program is in effect from 1 January 2019 with the first payment made in February 2019. The payment was based on the number of cows eligible for support in 2018, which were 154,438, or 69.1 percent of the base level.

**(4) COST OF MEASURE:**

2019: Estimated NOK 145.5 million.

**(5) DATE OF ENTRY INTO EFFECT:**

1 January 2019

**(6) PERIOD OF APPLICATION:**

Not specified.

**(7) PRODUCTS TO PRINCIPALLY BENEFIT (IF ANY INDIVIDUAL PRODUCT(S)):**

Milk

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