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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 30 May 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **Hong Kong, China**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant supporting tables) for the **Financial Year 2022/2023**.

The domestic support measures applied by Hong Kong, China for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2023 are those listed in the attached table.

Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: HONG KONG, CHINA

REPORTING PERIOD: FINANCIAL YEAR FROM 01-04-2022 TO 31-03-2023

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - "Green Box"

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value HKD , million	Data Sources	Note
1	2	3	4	
2.General Services				
2 (a). Research	Crop husbandry and protection: carry out adaptive experiments pertaining to crop husbandry and crop protection.	8.85	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)	
	Controlled-environment greenhouse production systems: investigate the technology and local development potential.	7.38	AFCD	
	Promotion of farm modernisation.	0.96	AFCD	
	Promotion of new agrotechnology: carry out research and development work on hydroponic production of crops.	6.65	AFCD	
	Evaluation of pest control products for local crop production: carry out studies on biological control agents and pesticides.	2.2	AFCD	
	Subtotal:	26.04		
2 (b). Pest and disease control	Administration of sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) services and diseases control programmes: control diseases of animals and plants through developing and maintaining SPS standards, conducting inspection, surveillance and quarantine work.	114.74	AFCD	
	Subtotal:	114.74		
2 (d). Extension and advisory services	Promotion of organic farming.	9.33	AFCD	
	Provision of technical advice and supports to farmers.	11.1	AFCD	
	Promotion of good agricultural practices.	7.49	AFCD	
	Facilitation of leisure farms development.	0.27	AFCD	
	Subtotal:	28.19		
2 (e). Inspection services	Accredited Farm Scheme: monitor and review the positioning and achievements of the Accredited Farm Scheme, which aims at promoting the adoption of good horticultural practice and environmental friendly production.	1.15	AFCD	
	On-farm crop safety: monitor pesticide residue levels of leafy vegetables in farms to enhance food safety at source.	3.98	AFCD	
	Subtotal:	5.13		
2 (g). Infrastructural services	Provision of irrigation: repair and improve irrigation facilities such as weirs and irrigation channel.	13.46	AFCD	
	Subtotal:	13.46		

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2 (h). Other general services	Administration of Funds: assess loan and grant applications (including the Kadoorie Agricultural Aid Loan Fund, the J. E. Joseph Trust Fund, the Vegetable Marketing Organization Loan Fund and the Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund), ensure compliance of loan and grant purpose and loan recovery, and monitor implementation of projects granted with the fund.	8.44	AFCD	
	Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund: financial support to organisations and academic and research institutions for carrying out programmes, projects and research that would facilitate the development of modern and sustainable agriculture.	13.92	AFCD	
	Agricultural Park: provide services to farmers in Agricultural Park including lease of farmland, technical advice and support, maintenance and other daily management work such as cleansing and security and promoting development of modernized farming.	16.57	AFCD	
	Subtotal:	38.93		
	Subtotal General Services	226.49		
6. Decoupled income support	Farm Improvement Scheme: provide grants to farmers for acquiring farming equipment and materials.	0.51	AFCD	
	Anti-epidemic Fund 6.0: provide immediate financial relief to crop farmers (including owners of vegetable farms, hydroponic farms, flower farms and nurseries) who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.	24.33	AFCD	
	Subtotal:	24.84		
Grand Total Green Box		251.33		