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The following notification on domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and relevant supporting tables) for **1998** was received from the Permanent Mission of **Venezuela** on 7 March 2001.

Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Venezuela

REPORTING PERIOD: 1998

Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS*
(from Section 1 of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section 1 of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached supporting tables)
1	3	4
1,235,037	Thousands of US\$	210,578

* Bs 564.55 for US\$1 (average exchange rate for 1998).

Source: Central Bank of Venezuela, 1998.

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Venezuela**REPORTING PERIOD: 1998***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 (Bs)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
General Services	Research, personnel and projects	9,579,950,000	1 and 2
General Services	Pest and disease control	207,207,200	1 and 9
General Services	Comprehensive programme for the development and promotion of coffee growing	387,000,000	1 and 10
General Services	Education and training: agricultural extension activities	6,392,880,000	3 and 1
General Services	Irrigation and drainage: studies, planning, construction and maintenance of irrigation and drainage works	5,497,083,619	1
General Services	Land allocation programme	622,632,053	1
General Services	Indigenous communities programme	755,000,000	1
General Services	Support programme for Caicara and Merecure Irrigation System	370,400,000	1
General Services	Support programme for Sucre State small producers	1,980,316,040	1
General Services	Frontier programme	679,000,000	1
General Services	Regional agricultural development programme	9,576,808,155.25	11
General Services	Collection centres and markets: planning, technical assistance, construction and fitting out of public markets and collection centres	3,289,702,901	1 and 4
Domestic food aid	Family allowance: programme to cover nutritional deficiencies of poor school children by a monthly monetary allowance	143,088,700,000	5 and 8
Domestic food aid	School nutrition programme: designed to cover nutritional deficiencies of poor school children through an allowance of one balanced meal per day	102,595,400,000	5 and 8

1	2	3	4
Domestic food aid	Snacks and canteens: programme to cover nutritional deficiencies of poor school children by an allowance of a maize loaf and a milk drink	26,157,700,000	5 and 8
Domestic food aid	Strategic food programme: programme targeting poor people, directly subsidizing seven key agricultural products	14,691,545,351	1 and 4
Domestic food aid	Mother and infant food programme (PAMI): food programme for poor pregnant and nursing women by providing milk on mother and infant medical visits	6,129,300,000	6 and 7

1. Ministry of Agriculture. Sectoral Directorate-General of Planning and Policies. Budget Division.
2. National Fund for Agricultural Research.
3. Fund for Training and Applied Research in Agricultural Reform.
4. Agricultural Supply and Services Corporation (CASA).
5. Ministry of Education. 1998 Budget Law.
6. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MSAS). 1998 Budget Law.
7. Mother and Child Programme Foundation (PAMI).
8. Ministry of the Family.
9. Agricultural Health Agency.
10. National Coffee Fund.
11. Regional State authorities.

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Venezuela**REPORTING PERIOD: 1998***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 (Bs)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture	Agricultural interest rate (Agricultural Credit Fund): 90% of the average of commercial rates of the country's six main banks	2,130,847,229	2, 4, 5 and 7
Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture	Rural interest rates: interest rates set at 7% for rural loans granted by the Agricultural Credit Institute (ICAP), a State finance institution	11,060,297,768	3, 4, and 5
Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture	Tax exemption for producers for net gains from primary agricultural activities	13,227,966,066	6

1. Central Bank of Venezuela. Venezuelan Banking Association (ABV).
2. Agricultural Credit Fund (FCA).
3. Agricultural Credit Institute (ICAP).
4. Ministry of Agriculture. Sectoral Directorate-General of Planning and Policies. Budget Division.
5. Office of the Superintendent of Banks.
6. Integrated National Tax Administration Service (SENIAT)
7. Official Journal (Gaceta Oficial) of Venezuela, Special Issue No. 5,249, of 11/08//1998.

Supporting Table DS:3

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Venezuela**REPORTING PERIOD: 1998***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

Note: In 1998 there were no payments based on fixed area and yields or levels of production, nor livestock payments made on a fixed number of head.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Sectoral Directorate-General of Agricultural Marketing.

Supporting Table DS:4

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Venezuela

REPORTING PERIOD: 1998

Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Description of basic product (including non-product-specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (US\$)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (US\$) (US\$)
1	2	3	4
White maize (corn)	130,273,364		130,273,364
Yellow maize	15,485,123		15,485,123
Non-product-specific AMS (from Supporting Table DS:9)			
Irrigation water	64,819,784		64,819,784
		Current total AMS	210,578,271

Supporting Table DS:5

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Venezuela**REPORTING PERIOD: 1998***Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support*

Description of basic products	Calendar year 1998	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price (US\$/TM)	External reference price (generally from AGST/...) (US\$/TM)	Eligible production (TM)	Associated fees/levies	Total market price support (US\$)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ((4-5*6)-7)	9
White maize (corn)		Minimum price	260.51	128	983,121	0	130,273,364	1, 2, and 3
Yellow maize		Minimum price	260.51	103	98,312	0	15,485,123	1, 2, and 3

1. Ministry of Agriculture. Sectoral Directorate-General of Agricultural Marketing.
2. Average international prices for the period 1986-1988.
3. Calculated at Bs564.55/US\$

Source: Central Bank of Venezuela

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Venezuela**REPORTING PERIOD: 1998***Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Calendar year 1998	Non-product- specific budgetary outlays	Other non-product- specific support (include calculation details) (US\$)	Associated fees/levies	Total non- product-specific support (US\$)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7
Other support						
Irrigation water subsidy		0	64,819,784	0	64,819,784	1, 2 and 3

Sources:

1. Ministry of Agriculture. Sectoral Directorate-General of Agricultural Infrastructure.
2. Hidroven.
3. Method of calculation: Price applied to governmental irrigation systems (0.0125 Bs/m³) minus the average B tariff for water for industrial use charged in Venezuela during 1998 (36.67 Bs/m³) multiplied by the volume of water supplied by Governmental irrigation systems (998,268,000 m³) during 1998. Calculations made at exchange rate of 564.55 Bs/US\$. Official Gazette of the Republic of Venezuela of 1 March 1993.

Notes:

1. No subsidies were applied to fertilizers or concentrated feeds in 1998.
2. This support measure concerns only the Government irrigation systems existing in Venezuela.