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NOTIFICATION OBLIGATIONS: AGRICULTURE

Note by the Secretariat

This document contains:

- (i) a table setting out 1996 notification requirements for each Member of the WTO;
- (ii) a listing of the notification requirements in summary form. The full notification requirements under the Agreement on Agriculture are to be found in G/AG/2 and Add.1 to that document. It should be noted that some requirements are ad hoc in the sense that their applicability depends on specific actions being taken by the Member concerned, e.g. the introduction of new exempt domestic support measures or the provision of food aid.

For the timing of notifications, this document should be read in conjunction with G/AG/W/2/Rev.4 which specifies implementation dates for each Member. For those Members with no specific domestic support and/or export subsidy reduction commitments (and hence do not have dates shown in G/AG/W/2/Rev.4) consideration should be given to specifying the relevant date in the 1996 notification. In this light, those Members working on a calendar year basis are reminded that notifications are already due for domestic support and export subsidies.

The following table sets out in matrix form those Members required to notify under each of the formats in G/AG/2. The matrix elements should be read as follows:

- "X" Members concerned must notify annually (or every second year in the case of least-developed country Members under DS:1 - indicated by Xx)
- "?" Members concerned must notify on an ad hoc basis if relevant action is taken
- "=" Members must notify annually if they are food or other aid donors
- "#" Members may notify "any relevant action" on an ad hoc basis
- " " (blank) Members are not required to notify under this element

Member	Periodic notifications							Ad hoc notifications				
	MA:2	MA:5	DS:1	ES:1	ES:2	ES:3	NF:1 (1)-(3)	MA:1	MA:3-4	DS:2	ER:1	NF:1 (4)
Angola*			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Antigua and Barbuda			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Argentina			X	X	X	=	=			?	?	#
Australia	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Bahrain			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Bangladesh			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Barbados	X	X	X	X		=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Belize			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Benin			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Bolivia			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Botswana		X	X	X		=	=		?	?	?	#
Brazil	X		X	X	X	=	=	?		?	?	#
Brunei Darussalam			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Burkina Faso			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Burundi			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Cameroon			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Canada	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Central African Republic			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Chad*			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Chile			X	X	X	=	=			?	?	#
Colombia	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Congo*			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Costa Rica	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Côte d'Ivoire			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Cuba			X	X	X	=	=			?	?	#
Cyprus			X	X	X	=	=			?	?	#
Czech Republic	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Djibouti			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Dominica			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Dominican Republic			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Ecuador	X	X	X	X		=	=	?	?	?	?	#
European Communities	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Egypt			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
El Salvador	X	X	X	X		=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Fiji			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Gabon			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
The Gambia*			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Ghana			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Grenada			X	X		=	=			?	?	#

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	MA:2	MA:5	DS:1	ES:1	ES:2	ES:3	NF:1 (1)-(3)	MA:1	MA:3-4	DS:2	ER:1	NF:1 (4)
Guatemala	X	X	X	X		=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Guinea			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Guinea Bissau			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Guyana			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Haïti			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Honduras			X	X	X	=	=			?	?	#
Hong Kong			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Hungary	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Iceland	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
India			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Indonesia	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Israel	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Jamaica			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Japan	X	X	X	X		=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Kenya			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Korea	X	X	X	X		=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Kuwait			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Lesotho			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Macao			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Madagascar			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Malawi			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Malaysia	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Maldives			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Mali			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Malta			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Mauritania			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Mauritius			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Mexico	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Morocco	X	X	X	X		=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Mozambique			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Myanmar			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Namibia		X	X	X		=	=		?	?	?	#
New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Nicaragua	X	X	X	X		=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Niger*			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Nigeria			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Norway	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Pakistan			X	X	X	=	=			?	?	#
Papua New Guinea*			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Paraguay			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Peru			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Philippines	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Poland	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Qatar			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Romania	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Rwanda*			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Saint Kitts and Nevis			X	X		=	=			?	?	#

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	MA:2	MA:5	DS:1	ES:1	ES:2	ES:3	NF:1 (1)-(3)	MA:1	MA:3-4	DS:2	ER:1	NF:1 (4)
Saint Lucia			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Saint Vincent - Grenadines			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Senegal			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Sierra Leone			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Singapore			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Slovak Republic	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Slovenia	X		X	X		=	=	?		?	?	#
Solomon Islands*			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
South Africa	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Sri Lanka			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Suriname			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Swaziland		X	X	X		=	=		?	?	?	#
Switzerland-Liechtenstein	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Tanzania			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Thailand	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Togo			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Trinidad and Tobago			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
Tunisia	X	X	X	X		=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Turkey			X	X	X	=	=			?	?	#
Uganda			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Uruguay		X	X	X	X	=	=		?	?	?	#
United Arab Emirates			X	X		=	=			?	?	#
United States	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Venezuela	X	X	X	X	X	=	=	?	?	?	?	#
Zaire*			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Zambia			Xx	X		=	=			?	?	#
Zimbabwe			X	X	X	=	=			?	?	#

Total of Members	34	36	104	104	33	104	104	34	36	104	104	104
(least developed)	-	-	22	22	-	22	22	-	-	22	22	22
Total of non-Members	-	-	9	9	-	9	9	-	-	9	9	9
(least developed)	-	-	7	7	-	7	7	-	-	7	7	7
Grand Total	34	36	113	113	33	113	113	34	36	113	113	113
(least developed)	-	-	29	29	-	29	29	-	-	29	29	29

* Non-members as of 15 April 1996

Notification requirement (G/AG/2)	Products (if not all agricultural products)	Notification delays	Comments
A. Periodic notifications			
Market Access			
Table MA:2 (tariff quota fill)	all tariff and other quota products as listed in Section I of Part I of schedules	normally 30 days following the year but, in any event, no later than 60 days	
Table MA:5 (special safeguard use)	all special safeguard products as listed in Section I of Part I of schedules	normally 30 days but, in any event, no later than 60 days	a statement should be made if there has been no use of the special safeguard in the year in question
Domestic Support			
Table DS:1 and relevant Supporting Tables (domestic support measures)		no later than 90 days; where this notification is provisional, the final notification should be submitted no later than 120 days (Least-developed country Members need only notify once every two years)	Supporting Tables DS:1 to DS:3 plus any other information necessary to show support remains below the Total AMS or <i>de minimis</i> level
Export Subsidies			
Table ES:1 (export subsidy use)	all products with export subsidies listed in Section II of Part IV of schedules (or all products) - see comments	no later than 60 days; where this notification is provisional, the final notification should be submitted no later than 120 days	where no export subsidies exist, a statement should be made to this effect or, if appropriate Supporting Table ES:2 used
Table ES:2 (total exports)	all products with export subsidies listed in Section II of Part IV of schedules plus those Members/products set out in G/AG/2/Add.1	no later than 120 days; where this notification is provisional, a final notification shall be made no later than 180 days (in the third and subsequent years of implementation notifications shall be no later than 120 days)	
Table ES:3 (food aid)	all food aid products (unless covered by Table ES:1)	no later than 120 days	applies to food aid donor Members only

Notification requirement (G/AG/2)	Products (if not all agricultural products)	Notification delays	Comments
Others			
Table NF:1 (Ministerial Decision)	all products concerned with respect to part (1): appropriate information for parts (2) and (3) of NF:1	no later than 60 days	applies to donor Members only
B. Ad hoc notifications			
Market Access			
Table MA:1 (tariff quota administration)	any tariff or other quota products as listed in Section I of Part I of schedules	where possible, prior to the change being implemented, but in any event no later than 30 days following the change	ad hoc notification required of changes in the administration of such quotas
Table MA:3 (volume-based special safeguard)	any safeguard product as listed in Section I of Part I of schedules	as far as practicable before taking such action for the first time in any year in respect of each product (in any event within 10 days of such action)	ad hoc notification required if the special safeguard is invoked
Table MA:4 (price-based special safeguard)	any safeguard product as listed in Section I of Part I of schedules	in advance of taking such action for the first time in respect of each product (in any event within 10 days of such action) unless an "up-front" notification has been made	no ad hoc notification is required if an "up-front" notification has been made; "up-front" notifications can be made at any time
Domestic Support			
Table DS:2 (new exempt measures)		as far as practicable before such measures are adopted and in any event within 30 days of adoption	an ad hoc notification is required of new or modified measures
Export Restrictions			
Table ER:1 (new measures)	any product concerned	as far as practicable in advance of the measures being taken	ad hoc notification required of new measures (except by developing country Members that are not net exporters of the product concerned)
Others			
Table NF:1 (Ministerial Decision)	other relevant information with respect to part (4) of NF:1	ad hoc	any relevant information can be provided