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RESPONSES TO POINTS RAISED BY MEMBERS UNDER THE REVIEW PROCESS

Compilation of responses to questions raised during the Committee on Agriculture meeting on 31 March 2011[1]

Addendum

The present addendum includes the written responses by Thailand to the questions by the United States contained in paragraphs 6 and 7 of document G/AG/W/81/Rev.1. A comprehensive version of the compilation will be issued once all outstanding written responses have been provided by Members.

In Section I "Matters relevant to the implementation of commitments under the Reform Programme: Article 18.6", please replace subsection E "Thailand's Requirements to Export Rice Stocks" with the following:

E. THAILAND'S REQUIREMENTS TO EXPORT RICE STOCKS

10. **Questions by the United States:**

(a) Can Thailand provide data for the years in question (2005, 2006, and 2007) on the sale of rice stocks to exporters and any direct sales to third countries from government-owned stocks, including the prices at which stocks were acquired and prices at which export sales were made?

During 2005-2007, the Thai Government has sold 5.78 million tonnes of rice from the government-owned stocks as follows:

- Government-to-Government sales to Iran and Indonesia: 700,000 tonnes
- open bidding for all domestic buyers: 5 million tonnes
- future market sales: 80,000 tonnes

Under the open bidding process, prices for the disposal of government-owned stocks are determined on price comparable to the equivalent type and quality of rice sold in the domestic market.

The average export prices of rice for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 were US$417/tonne, US$481/tonne and US$561/tonne, respectively.

[1] This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights or obligations under the WTO.

(b) Can Thailand respond to the United States' previous question as to whether the Thai Government has imposed any type of requirement to export the rice (and not sell in the domestic market) acquired through the bidding process?

Thai Government has neither law nor regulation requiring the acquired stocks to be exported. Rice purchased from the government-owned stocks can be traded domestically as well as exported, according to the market conditions.

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