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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 29 July 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of **Afghanistan**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant Supporting Tables) for the calendar years **2013, 2014** and **2015**.

Please note that Afghanistan became a WTO Member on 29 July 2016. The attached domestic support notification concerning the years 2013-2015 is provided for transparency purposes. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan notifies that the only domestic support measures applied by Afghanistan during the calendar years 2013-2015, as covered by the Agreement on Agriculture, are those listed in the enclosed supporting tables DS:1.

Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: AFGHANISTAN

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2013

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment – "Green Box"

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (Afs)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
(a) General Services			
1. Research, including general research, research in connection with environmental programmes, and research programmes relating to particular products, Annex 2, para 2(a)	Establishment of a comprehensive natural resource management monitoring and surveillance scheme; Evidence-based policy formulation and establishment of regulatory framework for natural resources management.	28,846,621	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
2. Pest and disease control, including general and product-specific pest and disease control measures, such as early-warning systems, quarantine and eradication, Annex 2, para 2(b)	Prevention and control of animal, rodent and insect diseases; Improve of capacity of state veterinary service; Plant protection measures.	95,595,651	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
3. Extension and advisory services, including the provision of means to facilitate the transfer of information and the results of research to producers and consumers, Annex 2, para 2(d)	Dissemination of best practices and strengthening the technical skills of community based natural resource management.	21,850,800	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
4. Inspection services, including general inspection services, and inspection of particular products for health, safety, grading or standardization purposes, Annex 2, para 2(e)	Veterinary and plant health inspection; Food safety inspection; Managing the quality control, inspection and certification system; Supporting private sector compliance with quality control and food safety regulations.	26,400,000	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
5. Marketing and promotion services, including market information, advice and promotion relating to particular products, Annex 2, para 2(f)	Developing marketing information and intelligence systems; Organization of exhibitions and monitoring.	13,971,500	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (Afs)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
6. Infrastructural services, including electricity reticulation, roads and other means of transport, market and port facilities, water supply facilities, dams and drainage schemes, and infrastructural work associated with environmental programmes, Annex 2, para 2(g)	Design and implementation of watering systems; Construction of irrigation structures, canals and culverts; Construction and rehabilitation of roads, bridges and retaining walls; Providing the surveys and advice.	1,063,242,340	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of Afghanistan, Budget data; Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
(c) Domestic food aid, Annex 2, para 4	Distribution of wheat to all category of community vulnerable people in the provinces, affected from the flood and other natural disaster.	192,400,000	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
TOTAL		1,442,306,912	

Note: Exchange rate 1 USD = 56.42 Afs.

Source: Da Afghanistan Bank.

Supporting Table DS:1
DOMESTIC SUPPORT: AFGHANISTAN

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2014

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment – "Green Box"

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (Afs)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
(a) General Services			
1. Research, including general research, research in connection with environmental programmes, and research programmes relating to particular products, Annex 2, para 2(a)	Establishment of a comprehensive natural resource management monitoring and surveillance scheme; Evidence-based policy formulation and establishment of regulatory framework for natural resources management.	13,129,410	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
2. Pest and disease control, including general and product-specific pest and disease control measures, such as early-warning systems, quarantine and eradication, Annex 2, para 2(b)	Prevention and control of animal, rodent and insect diseases; Improve of capacity of state veterinary service; Plant protection measures.	78,016,100	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
3. Extension and advisory services, including the provision of means to facilitate the transfer of information and the results of research to producers and consumers, Annex 2, para 2(d)	Dissemination of best practices and strengthening the technical skills of community based natural resource management.	1,856,000	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
4. Inspection services, including general inspection services, and inspection of particular products for health, safety, grading or standardization purposes, Annex 2, para 2(e)	Veterinary and plant health inspection; Food safety inspection; Managing the quality control, inspection and certification system; Supporting private sector compliance with quality control and food safety regulations.	23,135,550	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
5. Marketing and promotion services, including market information, advice and promotion relating to particular products, Annex 2, para 2(f)	Developing marketing information and intelligence systems; Organization of exhibitions and monitoring.	1,460,000	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (Afs)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
6. Infrastructural services, including electricity reticulation, roads and other means of transport, market and port facilities, water supply facilities, dams and drainage schemes, and infrastructural work associated with environmental programmes, Annex 2, para 2(g)	Design and implementation of watering systems; Construction of irrigation structures, canals and culverts; Construction and rehabilitation of roads, bridges and retaining walls; Providing the surveys and advice.	476,511,641	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of Afghanistan, Budget data; Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
(c) Domestic food aid, Annex 2, para 4	Distribution of wheat to all category of community vulnerable people in the provinces, affected from the flood and other natural disaster.	62,273,400	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
TOTAL		656,382,101	

Note: Exchange rate 1 USD = 57.37 Afs.

Source: Da Afghanistan Bank.

Supporting Table DS:1
DOMESTIC SUPPORT: AFGHANISTAN

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2015

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment – "Green Box"

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (Afs)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
(a) General Services			
1. Research, including general research, research in connection with environmental programmes, and research programmes relating to particular products, Annex 2, para 2(a)	Establishment of a comprehensive natural resource management monitoring and surveillance scheme; Evidence-based policy formulation and establishment of regulatory framework for natural resources management	4,255,990	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
2. Pest and disease control, including general and product-specific pest and disease control measures, such as early-warning systems, quarantine and eradication, Annex 2, para 2(b)	Prevention and control of animal, rodent and insect diseases; Improve of capacity of state veterinary service; Plant protection measures	28,550,804	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
3. Extension and advisory services, including the provision of means to facilitate the transfer of information and the results of research to producers and consumers, Annex 2, para 2(d)	Dissemination of best practices and strengthening the technical skills of community based natural resource management	20,933,000	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
4. Inspection services, including general inspection services, and inspection of particular products for health, safety, grading or standardization purposes, Annex 2, para 2(e)	Veterinary and plant health inspection; Food safety inspection; Managing the quality control, inspection and certification system; Supporting private sector compliance with quality control and food safety regulations	2,831,220	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
5. Marketing and promotion services, including market information, advice and promotion relating to particular products, Annex 2, para 2(f)		0	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (Afs)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
6. Infrastructural services, including electricity reticulation, roads and other means of transport, market and port facilities, water supply facilities, dams and drainage schemes, and infrastructural work associated with environmental programmes, Annex 2, para 2(g)	Design and implementation of watering systems; Construction of irrigation structures, canals and culverts; Construction and rehabilitation of roads, bridges and retaining walls; Providing the surveys and advice	1,088,482,308	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of Afghanistan, Budget data; Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
(c) Domestic food aid, Annex 2, para 4		0	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Budget data
TOTAL		1,145,053,322	

Note: Exchange rate 1 USD = 63.80 Afs.

Source: Da Afghanistan Bank.