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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 22 May 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **Costa Rica**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1**) for **2012**.

Please note that not all figures for Supporting Table DS:1 for 2012 have been included. These figures will be circulated subsequently as a revision of this notification.

No domestic support measures under Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture were in place in 2012.

Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: COSTA RICA

REPORTING PERIOD: 2012

Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
15,945.00	US\$ thousand ¹	81,850.47

¹ Average exchange rate for 2012: CRC 508.38 to US\$1 (*Source*: Central Bank of Costa Rica).

Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: COSTA RICA

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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 (US\$ thousand ¹)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
(a) "General services"			
Research:	<u>Research by the National Institute for Agricultural Innovation and Technology Transfer (INTA)</u> : Contribution to the development of Costa Rica's agricultural sector through research, innovation and technology transfer programmes aimed at creating competitive production systems and achieving food security while accommodating environmental concerns, by providing services and products that meet technological needs and improve the quality of life of the Costa Rican population.	n/a	National Institute for Agricultural Innovation and Technology Transfer (INTA)
	<u>Research, conservation and exploitation of water resources</u> : Research, control and monitoring of water resources so as to prevent any deterioration and minimize the effects of exploitation by preserving these resources in quantitative and qualitative terms. Supply of basic information and data collection for studies on water resources all over the country.	n/a	National Groundwater, Irrigation and Drainage Service (SENARA)
	<u>Technological research, development and dissemination services (National Production Council)</u> : Studies on the physical characterization and quality of horticultural products in the field; validation studies for technical regulations and procedures for the biophysical description of certain fresh fruit and vegetables, transport simulations, useful life analyses, effect of post-harvest treatment, cold storage, product characterization, and classification and quantification of damage and defects.	n/a	National Production Council (CNP)

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (US\$ thousand ¹)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
Pest and disease control:	<u>Pest and disease control programme</u> : General programmes implemented by the State Phytosanitary Service to protect the country's agricultural heritage from economic and quarantine pests, to protect human health and biodiversity, and to comply with phytosanitary regulations governing domestic and international marketing of plants.	n/a	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)
	<u>Pest control emergency fund</u> : Funds for the control of quarantine and economic pests and diseases presenting a threat to the national economy.	n/a	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)
	<u>Animal health programme</u> : General programmes to preserve, protect and enhance the health status of the country's livestock through improved domestic production, animal health, veterinary public health and environmental protection, and the application of domestic and international standards for that purpose.	n/a	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)
Training services:	<u>Agricultural outreach programme</u> : By providing effective technical assistance and training, this programme contributes to maintaining food security and to the development of the agricultural sector and the rural environment.	n/a	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)
	<u>Agrifood quality and safety services (Standards and Certification Department, Agricultural Quality Directorate, National Production Council)</u> : Training in food quality and safety assurance, food quality and safety auditing and inspection, occupational hygiene and health, and corporate social responsibility.	n/a	National Production Council (CNP)
	<u>Laboratory and technical regulation advisory services (Laboratory Department, Agricultural Quality Directorate, National Production Council)</u> : Training for agricultural producers and engineers concerning technical regulations governing the staple grain and horticultural product quality control system. Training in the monitoring of rice and bean processing plants in conjunction with rice growers (CONARROZ).	n/a	National Production Council (CNP)

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (US\$ thousand ¹)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
	<u>Post-harvest services (Post-Harvest Department, National Production Council):</u> Training for groups of producers and technical personnel working for organizations or the State concerning post-harvest physiology principles, activities, damage and defects in relation to fruit and vegetable production intended both for export and the local market. Training for agricultural fair officials.	n/a	National Production Council (CNP)
	<u>Training services provided by the National Training Institute:</u> Training and advisory activities aimed at the agricultural sector and focusing on plant and animal husbandry, forestry, the environment, agricultural mechanization, soil and water technology, and business management.	n/a	National Training Institute (INA)
Extension and advisory services:	<u>Programme for agro-industrial development and modernization and greater value added:</u> Advisory services, technical assistance and training for structured groups of small and medium-sized agricultural and agro-industrial producers in areas such as food technology, hygienic handling of products and food management, good manufacturing practices, hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP), agribusiness management, support for the design and monitoring of civil engineering work for agribusiness, evaluation of agro-industrial processes, plant and production line distribution, land valuation, and product analysis and development.	n/a	National Production Council (CNP)
	<u>Price and market information and extension services:</u> Compilation, analysis and dissemination of market-related information, such as data on staple grains and horticultural products, including guidance for organizations in analysing, interpreting and making proper use of the information.	n/a	National Production Council (CNP)
	<u>Costa Rican agricultural sector information system (INFOAGRO):</u> Information and communication system for the agricultural sector facilitating access to data and the generation of knowledge in order to improve agricultural competitiveness.	n/a	Executive Secretariat for Sectoral Planning in Agriculture (SEPSA)
Inspection services:	<u>Inspection and analysis for food security purposes (Laboratory Department, Agricultural Quality Directorate, National Production Council):</u> This service is provided mainly in natural disaster situations in which the country requires an analysis of products in processing plants, together with border inspections, following the adoption of food quality and safety measures in order to safeguard food security.	n/a	National Production Council (CNP)

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (US\$ thousand ¹)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
Marketing and promotion services:	<u>Marketing and market development programme (Marketing Department, Marketing and Agribusiness Directorate, National Production Council)</u> : Support for small and medium-sized agricultural producers in the marketing of fresh produce and processed products. The service aims, <i>inter alia</i> , to facilitate contacts with potential buyers, the development of marketing plans, advisory services on export procedures and logistics, and the search for and identification and adaptation of differentiated quality labels.	n/a	National Production Council (CNP)
Infrastructural services:	<u>Hydro-agricultural infrastructure programme at district level and in small irrigation and drainage areas</u> : Preliminary feasibility studies for and development of hydro-agricultural projects, such as the Arenal-Tempisque project and small irrigation and drainage areas throughout the country.	n/a	National Groundwater, Irrigation and Drainage Service (SENARA)
	<u>Programme for the development of agricultural production, involving irrigation and drainage works</u> : Support for the operation and maintenance of hydro-agricultural projects at national level, in districts under the responsibility of the National Groundwater, Irrigation and Drainage Service (SENARA) and in the framework of the national irrigation and drainage programme for small areas. Technical assistance is provided for users of hydro-agricultural projects involving the transfer of water resource management technology at farm level.	n/a	National Groundwater, Irrigation and Drainage Service (SENARA)
Other services:	<u>Watershed management programme</u> : The measure aims to develop field activities and projects in several of the country's watersheds in order to ensure sustainable use of natural, social and economic resources through an integrated and participatory approach. It consists of environmental education programmes and projects and training and advisory services for producers and includes training and extension and advisory services.	n/a	Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE)
(b)" Public stockholding for food security purposes"		n/a	
(c) "Domestic food aid"		n/a	
(d) "Decoupled income support"		n/a	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (US\$ thousand ¹)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
(e) "Income insurance and income safety-net programmes"		n/a	
(f) "Payments for relief from natural disasters"		n/a	
(g) "Structural adjustment assistance provided through producer retirement programmes"		n/a	
(h) "Structural adjustment assistance provided through resource retirement programmes"		n/a	
(i) "Structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aids"		n/a	Sustainable Agricultural Production Promotion Programme (PFPAS)
(j) "Environmental programmes"	<u>Payment for environmental services in agro-forestry systems</u> : This programme provides economic compensation for land-owning farmers growing multi-purpose forest plantations in close combination with annual or perennial crops and/or animal husbandry, as an effective means of maintaining, rehabilitating and developing forest ecosystems.	n/a	National Forestry Financing Fund (FONAFIFO)
	<u>Recognition of the environmental benefits of Sustainable Agricultural Production Promotion Programme (PFPAS) projects</u> : A financial incentive is granted to PFPAS projects for the environmental benefits generated.	n/a	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question (US\$ thousand ¹)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
	<u>Recognition of the environmental benefits of organic farming by micro, small and medium-sized organic producers:</u> A financial incentive is granted to micro, small and medium-sized organic producers for the environmental benefits resulting from their activities.	n/a	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)
(k) "Regional assistance programmes"	<u>Establishment of settlements:</u> This programme covers all the procedures necessary to set up rural settlements, in order to help farming families establish themselves on the land they have bought and to provide them with legal evidence of ownership and hence right of occupancy. It also encompasses monitoring and follow-up of agricultural activities in the settlements by the IDA.	n/a	Agrarian Development Institute (IDA)
	<u>Settlement development services:</u> The programme covers the necessary processes to promote and strengthen the development of settlements and the families' integration in the rural environment.	n/a	Agrarian Development Institute (IDA)
	<u>Rural development programme:</u> Advisory, training and information services for local governments, rural organizations and the rural population in general. These rural development measures aim to build up the rural population's organizational, management and negotiating capacity.	n/a	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)
Total		n/a	

Supporting Table DS:4

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: COSTA RICA

REPORTING PERIOD: 2012

Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (US\$ thousand)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below) (US\$ thousand)	Current total AMS (aggregate) (US\$ thousand)
1	2	3	4
Rice	81,850.47	0.00	81,850.47
Non-product-specific AMS	0.00	-	0.00
TOTAL AMS			81,850.47

Supporting Table DS:5

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Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support

Description of basic product	Calendar/ marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price (US\$/tonne) ¹	External reference price (generally from AGST/...) (US\$/tonne)	Eligible production (tonnes)	Associated fees/levies (US\$)	Total market price support (US\$)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ((4-5)*6)-7	9
Rice	2012	Price support	605.76	223.78	214,278.81	0.00	81,850,472	Ministry of Foreign Trade on the basis of data provided by CONARROZ

¹ Average annual price. This price was established as a precautionary measure in the context of the judicial proceeding brought by producers against the State before the Administrative Court by means of Ruling No. 121-2011 of the said Court (Court File No. 10-4176-1027-CA).

Supporting Table DS:7

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Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS

Description of basic product	Calendar/ marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Other product- specific budgetary outlays	Other product- specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/ levies	Total other product- specific support	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS.6)	Total AMS	Data sources
			(US\$)	(US\$)	(US\$)	(US\$)	(US\$)	(US\$)	(US\$)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8+9)	11
Rice	2012	Price support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	81,850,472	0.00	81,850,472	Ministry of Foreign Trade on the basis of data provided by CONARROZ