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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 2 December 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **Costa Rica**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant Supporting Tables) for the **calendar year 2021**.

The only domestic support measures provided by Costa Rica in 2021 are those reported in Supporting Table DS:1 (Green Box) below.

Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: COSTA RICA

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Total AMS commitment level	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	USD thousand	0

Supporting Table DS:1
DOMESTIC SUPPORT: COSTA RICA

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Measures Exempt from the Reduction Commitment - "Green Box"

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value USD thousand	Data source	Note
1	2	3	4	
2. General services				
2 (a) Research	Research by the National Institute for Agricultural Innovation and Technology Transfer (INTA): 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.	6,708.5	National Institute for Agricultural Innovation and Technology Transfer (INTA)	
	Research, conservation and exploitation of water resources: 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 collection of data for studies on water resources throughout the country.	715.1	National Groundwater, Irrigation and Drainage Service (SENARA)	
	Subtotal:	7,423.6		
2 (b) Pest and disease control	Pest and disease control programme: 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.	16,539.9	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)	
	Pest control emergency fund: Funds for the control of quarantine and economic pests and diseases presenting a threat to the national economy.	0	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)	
	Animal health programme: 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.	21,179.2	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)	
	Subtotal:	37,719.1		

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1	2	3	4	
2 (c) Training services	Agricultural outreach programme: Contribution, through the provision of effective technical assistance and training, to the maintenance of food security and the development of the agricultural sector and the rural environment.	17,247.5	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)	
	Agri-food quality and safety services (Standards and Certification Department, Agricultural Quality Directorate, National Production Council): Training in food quality assurance and safety, food quality and safety auditing and inspection, occupational hygiene and health, and corporate social responsibility.	180.8	National Production Council (CNP)	
	Laboratory and technical regulation advisory services (Laboratory Department, Agricultural Quality Directorate, National Production Council): 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).	258.8	National Production Council (CNP)	
	Post-harvest services (Post-Harvest Department, National Production Council): 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.	256.7	National Production Council (CNP)	
	Training services provided by the National Apprenticeship Institute: 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.	5,841.2	National Training Institute (INA)	
	Subtotal:	23,785		
2 (d) Extension and advisory services	Programme for agro-industrial development and modernization and greater value added: 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.	275.5	National Production Council (CNP)	
	Price and market information and extension services: Compilation, analysis and dissemination of market-related information in the form of information products, including information on goods such as staple grains and horticultural products. Guidance for organizations in analysing, interpreting and making proper use of information.	364.3	National Production Council (CNP)	
	Costa Rican agricultural sector information system (INFOAGRO): Information and communication system for the agricultural sector that facilitates access to data and the generation of knowledge in order to improve agricultural competitiveness.	252.5	Executive Secretariat for Sectoral Planning in Agriculture (SEPSA)	
	Subtotal:	892.3		

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2 (f) Marketing and promotion services	Marketing and market development programme (Marketing Department, Marketing and Agribusiness Directorate, National Production Council): 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.	386.1	National Production Council (CNP)	
	Subtotal:	386.1		
2 (g) Infrastructural services	Hydro-agricultural infrastructure programme at district level and in small irrigation and drainage areas: 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.	6,750.5	National Groundwater, Irrigation and Drainage Service (SENARA)	
	Programme for the development of agricultural production, involving irrigation and drainage works: Support for the operation and maintenance of hydro-agricultural facilities at national level, in regions 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.	3,122.4	National Groundwater, Irrigation and Drainage Service (SENARA)	
	Subtotal:	9,872.9		
2 (h) Other general services	Watershed management programme: Development of field activities and projects in certain of the country's watersheds in order to ensure sustainable use of natural, social and economic resources through an integrated and participatory approach. Environmental education programmes and projects and training and advisory services for producers. Training and extension and advisory services.	557.3	Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE), Watershed Management Unit	
	Subtotal:	557.3		
	General services subtotal	80,636.3		

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12. Environmental programmes	Programme providing payment for environmental services in agroforestry systems: Economic compensation for land-owning farmers growing multi-purpose forest plantations in close combination with annual or perennial crops and/or animal breeding, as an effective means of maintaining, rehabilitating and developing forest ecosystems.	323.5	National Forestry Financing Fund (FONAFIFO)	
	Recognition of the environmental benefits of Sustainable Agricultural Production Promotion Programme (PFPAS) projects: Financial incentive granted to PFPAS projects for the environmental benefits generated.	130.8	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)	
	Recognition of the environmental benefits of organic farming by micro, small and medium-sized organic producers: Financial incentive granted to micro, small and medium-sized organic producers for the environmental benefits resulting from their activities.	678.7	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)	
	Subtotal:	1,133		
13. Regional assistance programmes	Establishment of settlements: Programme covering all procedures required to set up rural settlements, with a view to helping farming families establish themselves on the land they have purchased and providing them with legal evidence of ownership and hence right of occupancy. Monitoring and follow-up by the INDER of agricultural activities in the settlements.	7,926.9	National Rural Development Institute (INDER)	
	Services for the development of settlements: The programme covers the necessary processes to promote and strengthen the development of settlements and the families' integration in the rural environment.	41,322.3	Rural Development Institute (INDER)	
	Rural development programme: 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.	0	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG)	
	Subtotal:	49,249.2		
Total Green Box		131,018.5		