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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 14 August 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the **Dominican Republic**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant supporting tables) for the **calendar year 2013**.

Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2013

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
		0

Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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	Monetary value DOP	Data Sources	Note
1	2	3	4	
2.General Services				
2 (a) Research	National Council for Agricultural and Forestry Research (CONIAF).- Determines government agricultural and forestry research policies in line with the country's development policies. Provides financing from the research fund to encourage scientific and technological capacity building in public and private institutions.	55,905,844	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Dominican Agricultural and Forestry Research Institute (IDIAF).- Responsible for implementing the agricultural and forestry research and validation policy of the Dominican Republic.	222,862,410	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal	278,768,254		
2 (b) Pest and disease control	Project to support the transition to a competitive agrifood industry (PATCA III): Improvement of agrifood health and safety.- The project seeks to increase productivity and improve access for Dominican products to international markets through building the government's capacity to provide and integrate plant health, animal health and agrifood safety services.	21,597,747.38	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal	21,597,747.38		
2 (c) Training services	Training and grants: Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), Higher Agricultural Institute (ISA), Salesiano and Loyola Institutes).	13,771,784.03	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Agricultural and Forestry Development Centre (CEDAF-CATIE).- Develops human resources to strengthen the agricultural and forestry sectors.	7,755,479.90	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Education coverage.	36,000,000	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal	57,527,263.93		
2 (d) Extension and advisory services	Project to support the transition to a competitive agrifood industry (PATCA II): Improvement of support for technological innovation.- Project designed with the aim of contributing to improving the income of beneficiary agricultural producers and increasing the productivity and total value of their production through the adoption of new technology. It consists of three aspects: technological support (land levelling, sprinkler irrigation, drip irrigation, post-harvest management, etc.), technical assistance for the adoption of technology and training in good environmental practices.	69,902,380.84	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Boosting the development of economic organizations of the rural poor in border areas (PRORURAL OESTE).- This project seeks to increase the income levels and assets of the poor men, women and young people who	57,774,335.63	Ministry of Agriculture	

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	are members of economic organizations. It does so through a participatory, environmentally sustainable and equitable process in the 11 provinces bordering the Republic of Haiti. The project includes components such as market access, strengthening economic organizations, technological innovation and diversification of production, rural finance and the project management unit.			
	Boosting rural economic development in the centre and east of the country (PRORURAL CENTRO y ESTE).- This project seeks to contribute to the reduction of extreme poverty rates in the north, centre and east of the country through capacity building, the establishment of strengthened trade relations and access to more dynamic markets, integration into value chains and an improvement in capitalization levels.	711,230.33	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Development of the cocoa sector.- Training for producers in the management of cocoa genetic resources, establishment and operation of nurseries, multiplication by grafting, pest management and control, plantation management, pruning, shade management, fertilization, and harvest and post-harvest management.	54,369,967.15	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promotion of fruit production.- Increase fruit production by producing high-quality crops under an agricultural conversion programme conducted in rural holdings, by means of a pilot plan involving demonstration plots sown with seedlings of different fruit species. Strengthen producers' associations, cooperatives and clusters that produce and export fruit.	134,919,897.90	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Technical assistance and agricultural training.- Provide training so that producers can improve their cultivation techniques, become familiar with new production methods and learn how to make better use of resources, etc.	58,009,793.70	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promoting and strengthening rural organization.- Programme aiming to strengthen producers' and youth organizations in rural areas so that they can develop the production capacity of their agricultural holdings. It promotes the establishment of mechanisms to sustain concrete and effective participation of rural organizations in agricultural sector plans, programmes and projects. It puts forward alternative solutions to problems identified by these organizations in the country's various rural communities, and promotes business practices suited to today's needs. It encourages and sets up home and community vegetable gardens in urban and suburban areas.	58,480,298	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Institutional strengthening for the development of rural areas in Barahona (PRODESUR).- Involves building the capacity of agricultural producers, their organizations and institutions in the territory of Barahona. It consists of technical assistance, training and improvements to productivity.	528,804	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promotion and development of agribusinesses.- Strengthen the fruit and vegetable clusters and step up training and coaching of export businesses. Stimulate research and the introduction of technological packages to optimize production processes, as well as the development and promotion of biotechnology.	65,133,466.30	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal	499,830,173.85		
2 (g) Infrastructural services	Construction and rehabilitation of rural roads.	154,657,120.90	Ministry of Agriculture	

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value DOP	Data Sources	Note
1	2	3	4	
	Wholesale Market, Cold-Storage Facility and Greenhouse Programme (PROMEFRIN).- Promotion and development of a structure for controlled-atmosphere agriculture.	4,846,172.75	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Dominican Agricultural Supply Markets (MERCADOM).- Effectively coordinates integration into the National Food Network (RENA), which comprises wholesale and retail markets and regional slaughterhouses. It seeks to professionalize and optimize the operations of these food establishments. It ensures that these establishments operate in compliance with hygiene, cleanliness, safety and urban planning standards, thereby contributing to guaranteeing the quality of food products.	68,195,801	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal	227,699,094.65		
2 (h) Other general services	Expansion, reforestation and social development in La Sierra, San José de las Matas (PS2).- Research and forestry production project that includes training, the construction of aqueducts and environmental sanitation, reforestation, silvo-pastoral systems, etc.	55,217,578.50	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Land preparation (agricultural mechanization).- Soil-conditioning for improved productivity and plant development. Use of modern land preparation equipment and increased mechanization of tasks.	49,807,138.67	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promotion of other crops.- Programmes aimed at increasing productivity in other crop sectors (levelling, drainage, training, technical assistance, water distribution, pest control, etc.)	924,561,993.30	Ministry of Agriculture	
	La Cruz de Manzanillo project.- Activities aimed at increasing productivity in the banana sector (levelling, drainage, technical training, water distribution, pest control, etc.)	69,912,883	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promotion of rice production.- Programmes aimed at increasing productivity in the rice sector (levelling, drainage, water distribution, pest control, etc.)	412,104,370	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal	1,511,603,963.47		
	General Services Subtotal	2,597,026,497.28		
Grand Total Green Box		2,597,026,497.28		

Supporting Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2013

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6.2	Monetary value DOP	Data Sources	Note
1	2	3	4	
(a) Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture	Agricultural Bank.- Offers various credit services to improve producers' production and productivity, supporting modernization, adequate infrastructure and cutting-edge technology.	639,546,971.40	Ministry of Agriculture	(1)
	Special Fund for Agricultural Development (FEDA).- Promotes sustainable rural development, with an emphasis on improving the quality of life of rural families across the country, contributing to the reduction of rural poverty and improving the competitive capacity of national agricultural production through the transfer and dissemination of technological innovations to small- and medium-scale producers. To that end, it provides resources, with or without financing, for associations, cooperatives and organized groups that form part of the national agricultural sector.	269,453,844.20	Ministry of Agriculture	(2)
	Subtotal	909,000,815.60		
(b) Input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers	Provision of inputs and small-scale tools.- Provides small-scale producers with farming tools and the inputs needed to grow various crops.	5,282,401.97	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Seed promotion and distribution- Ensures that producers in various sectors are supplied with certified seeds. Promotes certified organic agriculture. Promotes and validates technological packages to encourage the growing of staple crops.	23,441,851.32	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal	28,724,253.29		
Grand Total Development Programmes		937,725,068.89		

Notes:

- (1) Investment subsidies have been calculated by multiplying the total amount of direct credits granted by the Agricultural Bank by the differential between the annual average active interest rates applied by this institution and by the conventional banking system, as published by the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic. The Agricultural Bank average active interest rate corresponds to the rate for direct credits, while the active interest rate applied by the conventional banking system corresponds to the rate for the business sector. Data used: Agricultural Bank interest rate (8%), conventional bank interest rate (12.71%), amount loaned by the Agricultural Bank (DOP 13,578,491,961).
- (2) Investment subsidies have been calculated by multiplying the total amount of direct credits granted by the FEDA by the differential between the annual average active interest rates applied by this institution and by the conventional banking system, as published by the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic. The FEDA average active interest rate corresponds to the rate for direct credits, while the active interest rate applied by the conventional banking system corresponds to the rate for the business sector. Data used: FEDA interest rate (5%), conventional bank interest rate (12.71%), amount loaned by the FEDA (DOP 3,494,861,792.06).

Supporting Table DS:4

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2013

Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product specific AMS (from ST DS:5 to DS:7)	Product-specific EMS (from ST DS:8)	Total (2 + 3)	Value of production	Support as a % of value of production	Current Total AMS	Note
1	DOP 2	DOP 3	DOP	DOP		DOP 4	
Non-product-specific AMS(from ST/DS:9)			436,400,263.98	146,023,000,000	0.30%	0 (<i>de minimis</i>)	
TOTAL						0	

Supporting Table DS:9

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REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2013

Non-Product-Specific AMS

Measure Types	Reporting Year			Non-product-specific budgetary outlays	Other non-product specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees / levies	Total non- product-specific support (3+4-5)	Date Sources	Note
	Type	From	To						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Agricultural insurance subsidy	CY	01-01-13	31-12-13	23,150,818.28			23,150,818.28	Directorate General of Agricultural Risk (DIGERA) - Ministry of Agriculture	(1)
Storage, insurance and financial costs subsidy	CY	01-01-13	31-12-13	413,249,445.66			413,249,445.70	Executive Unit for Pledges (UEPI) - Ministry of Agriculture	(2)
TOTAL							436,400,263.98		

Notes:

- (1) Through the Directorate General of Agricultural Risk (DIGERA), the Ministry of Agriculture subsidizes up to 50% of the value of the insurance premium, with a view to providing agricultural producers with a regulated and transparent protection instrument that enables them to deal with the economic effects on agricultural operations that arise following uncontrollable natural phenomena.
- (2) Pledge Programme. This is a food security maintenance programme focused on the main mass-market consumer products, in the form of government aid to private storage of products. The State offers support through three contributions that partly cover: (i) the interest on loans negotiated with financial institutions, (ii) the storage costs, and (iii) the cost of insuring the stocks stored.