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### NOTIFICATION

The following communication, 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 2019**.

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Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

*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 2019

*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 source	Note
1	2	3	4	
2. General services				
2 (a) Research	National Council for Agricultural and Forestry Research (CONIAF): establishes public policies for agricultural and forestry research in line with the country's development policies, providing financing from the research fund to encourage scientific and technological capacity-building in public and private institutions.	65,977,385	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Dominican Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (IDIAF): responsible for implementing the agriculture and forestry research and validation policy of the Dominican Republic.	274,404,414	Ministry of Agriculture	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>340,381,799</b>		
2 (b) Pest and disease control	Epidemiology and disease control	568,368,242.80	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Project to support the transition to a competitive agri-food industry (PATCA III): improvement of agri-food health and safety, with a view to increasing productivity and developing Dominican products' international market access by building government capacity to provide and integrate services for plant and animal health and agri-food safety.	1,499,675	Ministry of Agriculture	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>569,867,917.80</b>		
2 (c) Training services	Training and grants: Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), Higher Agricultural Institute (ISA), Salesiano and Loyola Institutes	31,764,176.20	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Agricultural and Forestry Development Centre (CEDAF) - Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Centre (CATIE): develop human resources to strengthen the agricultural and forestry sectors.	2,000,000	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Non-governmental organization in the area of education	36,000,000	Ministry of Agriculture	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>69,764,176.20</b>		

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1	2	3	4	
2 (d) Extension and advisory services	Development of the cocoa sector: training 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.	20,841,160.79	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.	169,217,952.70	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promotion and strengthening of rural organization: this programme aims to strengthen producers' and youth organizations in rural areas so that they can develop the production capacity of their agricultural holdings. Promote the establishment of mechanisms to sustain concrete and effective participation of rural organizations in agricultural sector plans, programmes and projects. Put forward alternative solutions to problems identified by these organizations in the country's various rural communities, and promote business practices suited to today's needs. Encourage and set up home and community vegetable gardens in urban and suburban areas.	79,996,433.63	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 and develop and promote biotechnology.	121,541,073.10	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Production and marketing of fruit plants: 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.	2,780,729.55	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Transfer of production technology	5,700,510.99	Ministry of Agriculture	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>400,077,860.76</b>		
2 (g) Infrastructural services	Dominican agricultural supply markets (MERCADOM): effectively coordinate integration of the National Food Network (RENA), consisting of wholesale and retail markets and regional slaughterhouses, to professionalize and optimize these food suppliers' operations. Ensure that they operate in adequately hygienic, healthy and safe conditions and surroundings to ensure the quality of the food products.	171,580,921	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Access to rural properties	123,454,144.20	Ministry of Agriculture	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>295,035,065.20</b>		
2 (h) Other general services	Land preparation (agricultural mechanization): soil conditioning for improved productivity and plant development. Use of modern land preparation equipment and increased mechanization of tasks.	103,076,407.30	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promotion of other crops: programmes aimed at increasing productivity in other crop sectors (levelling, drainage, training, technical assistance, water supply, pest control, etc.)	1,252,873,484	Ministry of Agriculture	
	La Cruz de Manzanillo Project: activities aimed at increasing banana productivity (levelling, drainage, pest control, technical training, water supply, etc.)	100,032,213	Ministry of Agriculture	

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value DOP	Data source	Note
1	2	3	4	
	Promotion of rice production: programmes aimed at increasing productivity in the rice sector (levelling, drainage, water supply, pest control, etc.)	1,065,061,435	Ministry of Agriculture	
	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.	37,083,882.07	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Restoration of natural resources of the Jamao and Veragua sub-basin: this project aims to restore the forest cover of the sub-basin.	2,763,862.92	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Micropropagation of in vitro seedlings: support for the Dominican Government's policies, programmes and projects in the areas of food security, agricultural exportation and conservation of plant genetic resources, ensuring the availability of plant material for sowing that is of good quality and high genetic potential. In addition, promote technological innovation in agriculture, using biotechnological techniques for the in vitro micropropagation of plants, such as cultivating plant cells and tissues and using temporary immersion bioreactors.	8,614,605.6	Ministry of Agriculture	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,569,505,889.89</b>		
	<b>General Services Subtotal</b>	<b>4,244,632,708.85</b>		
<b>Total Green Box</b>		<b>4,244,632,708.85</b>		

## Supporting Table DS:2

### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

*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 source	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.	745,236,618.6	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.	37,119,927.61	Ministry of Agriculture	(2)
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>782,356,546.21</b>		
(b) Agricultural input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers	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.	174,199,225.3	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Distribution of fruit plants. Production of seedlings to supply producers; promote environmental protection.	13,876,945.94	Ministry of Agriculture	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>188,076,171.24</b>		
<b>Total Development Programmes</b>		<b>970,432,717.45</b>		

Note:

- (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's 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 (11.44%), amount loaned by the Agricultural Bank (DOP 21,663,855,192).
- (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 (11.44%), amount loaned by the FEDA (DOP 576,396,391.46).

# Supporting Table DS:4

## DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

*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)	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8)	Total (2 + 3)	Value of production	Support as a % of value of production	Current total AMS	Note
1	2	3				4	
Total non-product-specific AMS (from Supporting Table DS:9)			737,044,566.9	135,783,111,000	0.54%	0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )	
TOTAL						0	

Supporting Table DS:9

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

*Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Reporting period			Non-product-specific budgetary outlays	Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product-specific support (3+4-5)	Data source	Note
	Type	From	To						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Agricultural insurance subsidy	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	269,905,680.82			269,905,680.80	Directorate General of Agricultural Risk (DIGERA) - Ministry of Agriculture	(1)
Storage, insurance and financial costs subsidy	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	467,138,886.07			467,138,886.10	Executive Unit for Pledges (UEPI) - Ministry of Agriculture	(2)
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>737,044,566.90</b>		

Note:

- (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.