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NOTIFICATION

The following communication, dated 29 September 2022, 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 2021**.

Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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
		0

The average exchange rate for 2021 was DOP 57.20 = USD 1.

For more information, please consult the website of the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic: <https://www.bancentral.gov.do/a/d/2538-mercado-cambiario>

Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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 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.	67,973,203	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.	344,686,359	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal:	412,659,562		
2 (b) Pest and disease control	Animal health, technical assistance and promotion of livestock production - Prevention and control of diseases	193,786,602	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Animal health, technical assistance and promotion of livestock production - Production of biological products for species	57,279,716	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Animal health, technical assistance and promotion of livestock production - Genetic improvement of species for breeding	5,206,158	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Strengthening the prevention and control of bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis and traceability	1,857,751	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Prevention and control of bovine diseases	19,583,260	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Pest registration, inspection and monitoring	7,556,600	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Pest prevention and control	2,581,400	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal:	287,851,487		
2 (c) Training services	Training and grants: Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), Higher Agricultural Institute (ISA), Salesiano and Loyola Institutes	21,606,063	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.	2,400,000	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Non-governmental organization in the area of education	36,000,000	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal:	60,006,063		

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value	Data source	Note
1	2	DOP 3	4	
2 (d) Extension and advisory services	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.	30,865,384	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.	77,718,991	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promoting 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.	104,097,734	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promotion and development of women in rural production	1,549,005	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Transfer of production technology	32,040,197	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Technical training for livestock production: targeted at livestock producers	66,652,378	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promotion and development of the productivity of bovine milk production systems: the programme involves the provision by livestock experts of technical services for bovine milk producers in the East of the country, with a view to increasing the efficiency of their production systems and improving livestock genetics.	3,490,608	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Training for the eradication of pests	2,350,641	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal:	318,764,938		
2 (e) Inspection services	Agri-food safety and plant health - Sanitary inspection of primary production	85,195,503	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal:	85,195,503		
2 (g) Infrastructural services	Access to rural properties	99,437,770	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Construction of productive infrastructure for water supply and conservation	23,986,605	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Rehabilitation of 44 km of productive roads in the province of Puerto Plata	903,217	Ministry of Agriculture	
	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 the operations of these food suppliers' operations. Ensure that they operate in compliance with hygiene, cleanliness, safety and urban planning standards to guarantee the quality of the food products.	186,036,862	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal:	310,364,454		
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.	77,084,651	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Promotion of rice production: programmes aimed at increasing productivity in the rice sector (levelling, drainage, water supply, pest control, etc.).	722,538,286	Ministry of Agriculture	

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value	Data source	Note
1	2	DOP 3	4	
	Promotion of other agricultural crops: programmes aimed at increasing productivity in other crop sectors (levelling, drainage, training, technical assistance, water supply, pest control, etc.).	1,117,416,653	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.	19,287,243	Ministry of Agriculture	
	La Cruz de Manzanillo Project: activities aimed at increasing banana productivity (levelling, drainage, pest control, technical training, water supply, etc.).	81,542,183	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal:	2,017,869,016		
	General Services Subtotal	3,492,711,023		
Total Green Box		3,492,711,023		

Supporting Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2021

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.	651,029,609	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.	25,810,920	Ministry of Agriculture	(2)
	Subtotal:	676,840,529		
(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.	5,374,416	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Subtotal:	5,374,416		
Total Development Programmes		682,214,945		

- (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: conventional bank interest rate (8.61%); (i) amount loaned by the Agricultural Bank (DOP 31,335,841,239) with an interest rate of 8%, (ii) amount loaned by the Agricultural Bank (DOP 5,383,890,246) with an interest rate of 0%.
- (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 (8.61%), amount loaned by the FEDA (DOP 716,970,000).

Supporting Table DS:4

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2021

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 EMS (from Supporting Table DS:8)	Total (2+3)	Value of production	Support as a % of value of production	Current total AMS	Note
	DOP	DOP	DOP	DOP		DOP	
1	2	3				4	
Non-product-specific AMS (from Supporting Table DS:9)			568,941,522	231,351,970,000	0.25%	0 (de minimis)	
TOTAL						0	

Supporting Table DS:9

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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	01-01-21	31-12-21	103,077,829			103,077,829	Directorate General of Agricultural Risk (DIGERA) - Ministry of Agriculture	(1)
Storage, insurance and financial costs subsidy	CY	01-01-21	31-12-21	465,863,693			465,863,693	Executive Unit for Pledges (UEPI) - Ministry of Agriculture	(2)
TOTAL							568,941,522		

- (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.