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### NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 31 March 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **India**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant supporting tables) for the **Marketing Year 2020/2021**.

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Pursuant to the Bali Ministerial Decision on Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes (WT/MIN(13)/38) and the General Council Decision (WT/L/939), India wishes to notify the Committee on Agriculture that it has exceeded the *de minimis* level for rice for the marketing year 2020-2021. India's breach of commitment for rice, a traditional staple food crop, under Article 7.2(b) of the Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) arises from support provided in pursuance of public stockholding programmes for food security purposes which were in existence as on the date of the Bali Ministerial Decision on Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes (WT/MIN(13)/38). India's public stockholding programmes for food security purposes (covering rice and a number of other commodities) have been consistently reported in its Table DS:1 notifications since 1995. The programme is consistent with the criteria of paragraph 3, footnote 5, and footnote 5&6 of Annex 2 to the AoA. Further, the stocks under the programme are acquired and released in order to meet the domestic food security needs of India's poor and vulnerable population, and not to impede commercial trade or food security of others. For these reasons, the breach of the *de minimis* limits for rice is covered by the peace clause set out in the Bali Ministerial Decision on Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes (WT/MIN(13)/38) and the General Council Decision (WT/L/939).

India's domestic support notification for 2020/21 as well as additional information pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Bali Ministerial Decision is provided hereunder.

**Table DS:1****DOMESTIC SUPPORT: INDIA**

REPORTING PERIOD: MARKETING YEAR FROM 1 OCTOBER 2020 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

| <b>Total AMS commitment level</b>           | <b>Currency</b>                             | <b>Current Total AMS</b>          |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| (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                                 |
|   | USD million                                 | 6,908.60*                         |

\* Based on the available provisional data

## General Note:

India has no specific total AMS reduction commitments in its schedule. Domestic support to agricultural producers was provided through operations of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and other government departments. The attached supporting tables provide details of agricultural measures. All support for 2020/21, except the product-specific AMS for rice, is covered by the domestic support categories which are exempt from reduction commitments under the Agreement on Agriculture. The attached supporting tables provide details of support measures for 2020/21.

Exchange rate for 2020-21: Rs. 74.225 /USD (Annual Average, Source: RBI).

# Supporting Table DS:1

## DOMESTIC SUPPORT: INDIA

REPORTING PERIOD: MARKETING YEAR FROM 1 OCTOBER 2020 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 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<br>USD, million | Data Sources  | Note |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---|------|
| 1                                       | 2   | 3                              | 4   |      |
| 2.General Services                      |   |                                |   |      |
| 2 (a). Research                         |   | 1,070.11                       | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare & various Boards |      |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>1,070.11</b>                |   |      |
| 2 (b). Pest and disease control         |   | 149.39                         | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare & various Boards |      |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>149.39</b>                  |   |      |
| 2 (c). Training services                |   | 62.87                          | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare & various Boards |      |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>62.87</b>                   |   |      |
| 2 (d). Extension and advisory services  |   | 718.86                         | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare & various Boards |      |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>718.86</b>                  |   |      |
| 2 (e). Inspection services              |   | 4.62                           | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare & various Boards |      |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>4.62</b>                    |   |      |
| 2 (f). Marketing and promotion services |   | 384.13                         | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare & various Boards |      |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>384.13</b>                  |   |      |
| 2 (g). Infrastructural services         |   | 727.82                         | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare & various Boards |      |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>727.82</b>                  |   |      |
|   | <b>Subtotal General Services</b>                                      | <b>3,117.80</b>                |   |      |

| Measure Type  | Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2   | Monetary value<br>USD, million | Data Sources   | Note |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|------|
| 1   | 2   | 3                              | 4  |      |
| 3. Public stockholding for food security purposes                     | Allocation for distribution and buffer stock  | 29,212.93                      | Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (FCI) | (1)  |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>29,212.93</b>               |  |      |
| 6. Decoupled income support   | Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)  | 8,216.89                       | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare & various Boards  |      |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>8,216.89</b>                |  |      |
| 8. Payments for relief from natural disasters                         | Payments (made either directly or by way of government financial participation in crop insurance schemes) for relief from natural disasters | 1,108.38                       | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare & various Boards  | (2)  |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>1,108.38</b>                |  |      |
| 11. Structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aids | Waiving off Agricultural loan   | 1,675.88                       | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare                   |      |
|   | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>1,675.88</b>                |  |      |
| <b>Grand Total Green Box</b>  |   | <b>43,331.88</b>               |  |      |

Notes:

- (1) Based on the available provisional data.
- (2) Government subsidies on premium of agricultural insurance for production loss exceeding 30% of the average of production.

## Supporting Table DS:2

### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: INDIA

REPORTING PERIOD: MARKETING YEAR FROM 1 OCTOBER 2020 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 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<br>USD, million | Data Sources  | Note |
|--|---|--------------------------------|---|------|
| 1  | 2   | 3                              | 4   |      |
| (b) Input subsidies available to low-income or resource-poor producers | Other input subsidies   | 30,923.35                      | Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers,<br>Ministry of Power,<br>Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation | (1)  |
|  | <b>Subtotal:</b>  | <b>30,923.35</b>               |   |      |
| <b>Grand Total Development Programmes</b>                              |   | <b>30,923.35</b>               |   |      |

Note:

- (1) Includes support for irrigation, fertilizers, and electricity. As per the Agricultural Census for year 2015-16, 99.43% of farm holdings are of low-income or resource poor farmers.

## Supporting Table DS:4

### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: INDIA

REPORTING PERIOD: MARKETING YEAR FROM 1 OCTOBER 2020 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

| Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS) | Product specific AMS<br>(from ST DS:5 to DS:7) | Product-specific EMS<br>(from ST DS:8) | Total<br>(2 + 3) | Current Total AMS            | Note    |
|--|--|--|------------------|------------------------------|---------|
|  | USD, million                                   | USD, million                           | USD, million     | USD, million                 |         |
| 1  | 2  | 3                                      |                  | 4                            |         |
| Coarse cereal  | 92.11  |  | 92.11            | 0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )      |         |
| Cotton   | 784.97   |  | 784.97           | 0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )      |         |
| Groundnut  | 56.87  |  | 56.87            | 0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )      |         |
| Pulses   | 978.11   |  | 978.11           | 0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )      |         |
| Rice   | 6,908.60                                       |  | 6,908.60         | 6,908.60                     | (1) (2) |
| Soyabean Yellow  | 0.00108  |  | 0.00108          | 0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )      |         |
| Sunflower  | 1.09   |  | 1.09             | 0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )      |         |
| Wheat  | 81.10  |  | 81.10            | 0 ( <i>de minimis</i> )      |         |
| <b>Non-product-specific AMS(from ST/DS:9)</b>                      |  |  | <b>4,995.27</b>  | <b>0 (<i>de minimis</i>)</b> |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |  |  |                  | <b>6,908.60</b>              |         |

Note:

- (1) Based on the available provisional data.
- (2) Value of production of rice was USD 45,569.62 million for 2020-21.

## Supporting Table DS:5

### DOMESTIC SUPPORT: INDIA

REPORTING PERIOD: MARKETING YEAR FROM 1 OCTOBER 2020 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

#### Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support

| Description of basic products | Reporting Year |          |          | Measure Types | Applied administered price | External reference price (generally from AGST) | Eligible production      | Associated fees / levies | Total market price support ((4-5)*6)-7 | Data Sources | Note              |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------|
|                               | Type           | From     | To       |               |                            |  |                          |                          |  |              |                   |
| 1                             | 2              |          |          | 3             | 4                          | 5  | 6                        | 7                        | 8                                      | 9            |                   |
| Coarse cereal                 | MY             | 01-10-20 | 30-09-21 | Price support | 317.84/Tonne               | 238.57/Tonne                                   | 1.162 million Tonnes     |                          | 92.11                                  |              |                   |
| <b>Total Coarse cereal</b>    |                |          |          |               |                            |  |                          |                          | <b>92.11</b>                           |              |                   |
| Cotton                        | MY             | 01-10-20 | 30-09-21 | Price support | 1,795.14/Tonne             | 1,292.64/Tonne                                 | 1.56213 million Tonnes   |                          | 784.97                                 |              | (1)               |
| <b>Total Cotton</b>           |                |          |          |               |                            |  |                          |                          | <b>784.97</b>                          |              |                   |
| Groundnut                     | MY             | 01-10-20 | 30-09-21 | Price support | 710.68/Tonne               | 514.58/Tonne                                   | 0.29 million Tonnes      |                          | 56.87                                  |              |                   |
| <b>Total Groundnut</b>        |                |          |          |               |                            |  |                          |                          | <b>56.87</b>                           |              |                   |
| Pulses                        | MY             | 01-10-20 | 30-09-21 | Price support | 792.08/Tonne               | 345.66/Tonne                                   | 2.191 million Tonnes     |                          | 978.11                                 |              |                   |
| <b>Total Pulses</b>           |                |          |          |               |                            |  |                          |                          | <b>978.11</b>                          |              |                   |
| Rice                          | MY             | 01-10-20 | 30-09-21 | Price support | 377.50/Tonne               | 262.51/Tonne                                   | 60.08 million Tonnes     |                          | 6,908.60                               |              | (2)<br>(3)<br>(4) |
| <b>Total Rice</b>             |                |          |          |               |                            |  |                          |                          | <b>6,908.60</b>                        |              |                   |
| Soyabean Yellow               | MY             | 01-10-20 | 30-09-21 | Price support | 522.73/Tonne               | 229.77/Tonne                                   | 0.0000037 million Tonnes |                          | 0.00108                                |              |                   |
| <b>Total Soyabean Yellow</b>  |                |          |          |               |                            |  |                          |                          | <b>0.00108</b>                         |              |                   |
| Sunflower                     | MY             | 01-10-20 | 30-09-21 | Price support | 792.86/Tonne               | 513.39/Tonne                                   | 0.0039 million Tonnes    |                          | 1.09                                   |              |                   |
| <b>Total Sunflower</b>        |                |          |          |               |                            |  |                          |                          | <b>1.09</b>                            |              |                   |
| Wheat                         | MY             | 01-10-20 | 30-09-21 | Price support | 266.08/Tonne               | 264/Tonne                                      | 38.99 million Tonnes     |                          | 81.10                                  |              |                   |
| <b>Total Wheat</b>            |                |          |          |               |                            |  |                          |                          | <b>81.10</b>                           |              |                   |

Notes:

- (1) Applied administered price is arrived at after considering a co-efficient of 2.35 for conversion of raw cotton to lint cotton.
- (2) Applied administered price is procurement price for common paddy. For converting to the equivalent price of rice a coefficient of 1.5 has been used.
- (3) Other support for rice, that is, other than public stockholding for food security purposes, will be notified subsequently.
- (4) Based on the available provisional data.

General Notes:

- 1) Exchange rate for 1986-88: Rs.13.409/USD.
- 2) Exchange rate for 2020-21: Rs. 74.225 /USD (Annual Average, Source: RBI).
- 3) Support for each of the listed products is below the relevant "product-specific" *de minimis* level (Article 6.4(b) refers), except rice.
- 4) Column 8 is rounded off to two decimal points (to five decimal points for 'Soybean Yellow').



# Supporting Table DS:9

## DOMESTIC SUPPORT: INDIA

REPORTING PERIOD: MARKETING YEAR FROM 1 OCTOBER 2020 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

### Non-Product-Specific AMS

| Measure Types             | Reporting Year |          |          | Non-product-specific budgetary outlays<br>USD, million | Other non-product specific support (include calculation details)<br>USD, million | Associated fees / levies<br>USD, million | Total non-product-specific support (3+4-5)<br>USD, million | Data Sources                                 | Note |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|------|
|                           | Type           | From     | To       |  |  |  |  |  |      |
| 1                         | 2              |          |          | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |      |
| Insurance Premium Subsidy | MY             | 01-10-20 | 30-09-21 | 2,598.54   |  |  | 2,598.54   | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare | (1)  |
| Interest Subsidy          | FY             | 01-04-20 | 31-03-21 | 2,396.73   |  |  | 2,396.73   | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare |      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |                |          |          |  |  |  | <b>4,995.27</b>  |  |      |

Note:

- (1) Government subsidies on premiums of agricultural insurance for production loss not exceeding 30% of the average of production.

**ANNEX****PURSUANT TO THE BALI MINISTERIAL DECISION OF 7 DECEMBER 2013 ON PUBLIC STOCKHOLDING FOR FOOD SECURITY PURPOSES***INDIA***General information\*****1 FACTUAL INFORMATION CONFIRMING THAT DS:1 NOTIFICATIONS AND RELEVANT SUPPORTING TABLES FOR THE PRECEDING 5 YEARS ARE UP-TO-DATE (E.G. DATE AND DOCUMENT DETAILS).**

The DS:1 notification detail for preceding 5 years are as follows:

|         |                    |               |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| 2020-21 | G/AG/N/IND/27      | 1 April 2022  |
| 2019-20 | G/AG/N/IND/25      | 8 April 2021  |
| 2018-19 | G/AG/N/IND/18      | 31 March 2020 |
| 2017-18 | G/AG/N/IND/15      | 29 March 2019 |
| 2016-17 | G/AG/IND/13/Corr.1 | 30 July 2018  |
| 2016-17 | G/AG/N/IND/13      | 20 July 2018  |

**2 DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME SUFFICIENT TO IDENTIFY FOOD SECURITY OBJECTIVE AND SCALE OF THE PROGRAMME, INCLUDING:****a. Name of the programme:**

1. Minimum support price (MSP) programme
2. In order to achieve the food security of the country, the Government of India and various State Governments implement, welfare schemes such as the Public Distribution System and National Food Security Act, 2013 through various agencies.

**b. Traditional staple food crop(s) covered**

Rice, Wheat, Coarse Grains and Pulses

**c. Agency in charge of implementation**

These programmes are implemented jointly by the Central Government (Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Food Corporation of India (FCI), National Agricultural Cooperative Federation of India (NAFED)) and State governments.

**d. Relevant laws and regulations**

National Food Security Act, 2013; various Public Distribution System (Control) Orders and their subsequent amendments issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955; and various State legislations/orders.

**e. Date of commencement of the programme**

Public Distribution System: Since 1960s  
National Food Security Act: 2013

**f. Officially published objective criteria or guidelines**

The main objectives of food security programmes are –

1. ensuring Minimum Support Price to the farmers;
2. equitable distribution of available foodgrains at affordable prices to the marginalized and vulnerable sections of society throughout the year;
3. to maintain stability in foodgrains prices throughout the country during the year; and
4. to maintain an adequate buffer stock of foodgrains to deal with fluctuations in production and to meet unforeseen exigencies and natural calamities.

**3 PRACTICAL DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE PROGRAMME OPERATES, INCLUDING:**

- a. Provisions relating to the purchase of stocks, including the way the administered acquisition price is determined**
- b. Provisions related to volume and accumulation of stocks, including any provisions related to pre-determined targets and quantitative limits**
- c. Provisions related to the release of stocks, including the determination of the release price and targeting (eligibility to receive procured stocks)**

3 (a-c): The Government policy of procurement of foodgrains has the objectives of ensuring Minimum Support Price (MSP) to the farmers and the availability of foodgrains to the marginalized and vulnerable sections at affordable prices. It also ensures effective market intervention thereby keeping the prices under check and also adding to overall food security of the country.

Before the harvest during each Rabi/Kharif Crop season, the Government of India announces the minimum support prices (MSP) for procurement on the basis of the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) which along with other factors, takes into consideration the cost of various agricultural inputs and a reasonable margin for farmers for their produce.

Centre and State Governments, through their agencies such as Food Corporation of India (FCI), National Agricultural Cooperative Federation of India (NAFED) and others, procure foodgrains from farmers at the Minimum Support Price in order to meet the overall demand of different welfare schemes.

To meet the operational requirements of foodgrains and exigencies at any point of time, Government of India maintains stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool stock. The Stocking Norms comprise: (a) Operational stocks - for meeting monthly distributional requirements under food security programme; and, (b) Food Security stocks/reserves - for meeting shortfall in procurement.

In order to achieve food security in the country, the Government is implementing the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) which provides for coverage of 75 % of rural and 50% of urban population at the all-India level, to receive foodgrains at subsidized price of Rs.1/2/3 per kg for coarse grains/wheat/rice. The subsidized prices are determined by the Government keeping the objective of food security of people in view. The coverage under NFSA is under two categories- (a) households covered under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and, (b) the remaining households as priority Households. AAY covers 2.5 crore poorest of the poor households across the country and have been identified by State Governments on the basis of guidelines prescribed by the Central Government. Priority households have been identified using State-specific criteria evolved by the State Governments. In addition to rice, wheat and coarse cereals, the Centre and State Governments also distribute pulses to eligible households under the public distribution system (PDS).

**4 A DESCRIPTION OF ANY MEASURES AIMED AT MINIMISING PRODUCTION OR TRADE DISTORTIVE EFFECTS OF THE PROGRAMME**

Government does not undertake exports on a commercial basis from public stockholdings. Additionally, open market sales of food grains from public stockholding are made provided the buyer gives an undertaking of not exporting from such purchases.

**5 STATISTICAL INFORMATION (AS PER THE STATISTICAL APPENDIX BELOW)****6 ANY OTHER INFORMATION CONSIDERED RELEVANT, INCLUDING WEBSITE REFERENCES:**

Department of Food and Public Distribution: <http://dfpd.nic.in>  
Ministry of Women and Child Development: <http://www.wcd.nic.in>  
Ministry of Human Resource Development: <http://mhrd.gov.in>  
Ministry of Rural Development: <http://rural.nic.in>  
Ministry of Defence: <http://mod.nic.in>

STATISTICAL APPENDIX (RICE)  
PURSUANT TO THE BALI MINISTERIAL DECISION OF 7 DECEMBER 2013,  
ON PUBLIC STOCKHOLDING FOR FOOD SECURITY PURPOSES

*INDIA*

| Rice  | Unit   | 2018-19  | 2019-20 | 2020-21* |
|---|--|--|---------|----------|
| a. Opening balance of stocks  | Million Ton  | 30.04  | 29.39   | 32.23    |
| b. Annual purchases under the programme (value) (c*f)   | Billion USD  | 16.64  | 19.97   | 22.68    |
| c. Annual purchases under the programme (quantity)  | Million Ton  | 44.33  | 51.997  | 60.08    |
| d. Annual releases under the programme (value)  | Billion USD  | 1.48   | 1.41    | 2.17     |
| e. Annual releases under the programme (quantity)   | Million Ton  | 34.40  | 33.36   | 53.81    |
| f. Purchase prices  | USD/Ton  | 375.41   | 384.01  | 377.50   |
| g. Release prices   | USD/Ton  | 42.90  | 42.31   | 40.42    |
| h. End-year stocks#   | Million Ton  | 29.39  | 32.23   | 29.12    |
| i. Total production (quantity)  | Million Ton  | 116.48   | 118.43  | 122.27   |
| j. Total production (value)   | Billion USD  | 43.67  | 46.08   | 45.57    |
| k. Information on population benefiting from the release of this crop and quantities released:                    |  |  |         |          |
| - Estimated number of beneficiaries at national level and, if possible, at sub- national level                    | Percentage   | 75% of rural population and 50% of urban population at the all-India level |         |          |
| - Quantity released to the beneficiaries at the national level and, if possible, at the sub-national level        | Million Ton  | 34.40  | 33.36   | 53.81    |
| - Other<br>Open market Sale (Domestic)  | Million Ton  | 0.85   | 1.61    | 2.46     |
| l. In the case of government aid to private storage, statistics on the support granted and any updated statistics | Godowns being constructed by private investors under the Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee Scheme (PEG) are eligible for getting subsidy from NABARD under Gramin Bhandaran Yojana, promoted by the Ministry of Agriculture. |  |         |          |
| m. Total imports (value) **   | Million USD  | 0  | 0       | 0        |
| n. Total imports (quantity) **  | Million Ton  | 0  | 0       | 0        |
| o. Total export (value) Million USD **  | Million USD  | 0  | 0       | 0        |
| p. Total export (quantity) Million Ton **   | Million Ton  | 0  | 0       | 0        |

\* Based on the available provisional data

\*\* Only export and import from public stockholding have been considered.

# End year stocks reflected in the table do not take into account the unmilled paddy.