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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 5 July 2017, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of **Jamaica**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant supporting tables) for the fiscal year **2016/2017**.

Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: JAMAICA

REPORTING PERIOD: FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017

Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section 1 of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section 1 of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
In accordance with the notification requirements, Jamaica notifies that domestic support to agricultural producers in 2016/2017 was provided through the operations of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries. All such support is covered by the domestic support categories which are exempt from reduction commitments under the Agreement on Agriculture (AoA). The attached Supporting Table DS: 1 (Green Box Measures) provides details of these exempt measures.		

Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: JAMAICA

REPORTING PERIOD: FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment – "Green Box"

Measure type	Name and description of measure taking into account the criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of the measure during the reporting period (million USD)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
(a) General Services	<p>Research and Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phytosanitary research, as outlined in the Quarantine Act, and involves the certification of plant material free disease, exotic pests and pathogens; Continued genetic improvement in cattle, pigs and goats as well as the development of feeding systems; and the general improvement of livestock production; Conduct research into domestic food crops and traditional export crops in order to identify efficient systems for production and introduce adaptable and acceptable crop varieties. <p>Extension and advisory services:</p> <p>This is delivered primarily to rural farms through the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA).</p> <p>RADA provides technical, marketing, financial and infrastructural facilities and assists with the development of the social services required for improvements of the quality of life for farm families.</p> <p>RADA also conducts extensive farmer – training programmes, assists small farmers in organizing marketing ventures, disseminate information on plants, crops and animal husbandry; provides agricultural service centres at strategic locations and provides irrigation facilities to farmers.</p>	<p>13.8</p> <p>17.6</p>	<p>Budget expenditure by the Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p>"</p>

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1	2	3	4
Plant quarantine:	The Plant Quarantine Division issues import and export permits and conducts inspection of plants and agricultural produce to ensure that only the highest quality produce is imported into and from Jamaica. Plant Quarantine ensures that no harmful exotic plant pests are introduced and become established in the island.	1.9	Budget expenditure by the Ministry of Agriculture
Veterinary Services:	The Veterinary Services Division oversees animal health, status and welfare through its various services offered island wide. The Division operates a diagnostic laboratory service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for the protection of the livestock industry; • it certifies the health of animals; • it offers artificial insemination services for cattle, pigs and goats; and • it is involved in the import/export inspection of live animals, meats and meat products. 	2.5	"

Note: Exchange rate JMD 125.46 = USD 1.00.