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NOTIFICATION

Revision

The following submission from **Lithuania**, dated 21 February 2013, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the **European Union**. The notification concerns new or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction (**Table DS:2**).

The revision reflects adjustments regarding the application period of various programs. Also, the following new or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction have been added:

1. "SAPARD Programme (Agriculture and Rural Development Plan)";
2. "Farm modernization and electricity reticulation";
3. "Payments through local authorities for the less favoured areas";
4. "Funding of the Programme for the Control of Transmissible Diseases of Pigs".

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Financing of research work for agriculture.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 88 "On Financing of Rural Support Programme" of 30 March 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Research programmes are aimed to assure scientific and technological progress in the agriculture policy, developments of regional and social policy in rural areas, and to cover economical aspects and environmental protection in the establishment of effective and competitive farms.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 2(a): research, including general research, research in connection with environmental programmes, and research programmes relating to particular products.

(4) Cost of measure: 14 million Litass.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 30 March 2001.**(6) Period of application:** 2001-2003.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

No individual products.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
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(1) Full title of measure:

Training services, extension and advisory services.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 88 "On Financing of Rural Support Programme" of 30 March 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

The measure aims to facilitate training and consulting of farmers, agricultural partnerships and the employees of other agricultural enterprises. Agricultural Consulting Center provides consultations and training as well as supplies informative publications to those working in the agricultural sector (farmers, agricultural partnerships and other specialists who produce and process agricultural products and render services).

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement of Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 2(c): training services, including both general and specialist training facilities; and paragraph 2(d): extension and advisory services, including the provision of means to facilitate the transfer of information and the results of research to producers and consumers.

(4) Cost of measure: 25.6 million Lit.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 30 March 2001.**(6) Period of application:** 2001-2003.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

No individual products.

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DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Monitoring of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

Government Resolution No. 710 "On Prevention of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy" of 13 June 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Financing provides for the implementation of the monitoring program on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 2(e): inspection services, including general inspection services and the inspection of particular products for health, safety, grading or standardization purposes.

(4) Cost of measure: 16 million Litas.

(5) Date of entry into effect: 13 June 2001.

(6) Period of application: 2001-2003.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

Meat and meat products.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Development of the system for quality control of agricultural and food products.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 88 "On Financing of Rural Support Programme" of 30 March 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Financing provides for the establishment of the system which satisfies international standards and requirements regarding the quality investigation of agricultural and food products.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 2(e): inspection services, including general inspection services and the inspection of particular products for health, safety, grading or standardization purposes.

(4) Cost of measure: 33.6 million Lit.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 30 March 2001.**(6) Period of application:** 2001-2003.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

No individual products.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
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(1) Full title of measure:

Animal productivity control.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

Government Resolution No. 212 "On Animal Productivity Control" of 26 February 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Development of animal productivity control in accordance with international standards.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 2(e): inspection services, including general inspection services and the inspection of particular products for health, safety, grading or standardization purposes.

(4) Cost of measure: 0.8 million Lit.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 26 February 2001.**(6) Period of application:** For the fiscal year 2001.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

No individual products.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Development of animal identification and registration system.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 88 "On Financing of Rural Support Programme" of 30 March 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Financing is provided for the development of information system concerning animal registration and identification for animal disease control, analysis, and setting measures to assure health and safety.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 2(e): inspection services, including general inspection services and the inspection of particular products for health, safety, grading or standardization purposes.

(4) Cost of measure: 13.2 million Lit.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 30 March 2001.**(6) Period of application:** 2001-2003.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

No individual products.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
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(1) Full title of measure:

Market information.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

Resolution of the Government of Lithuania No. 210 "On the Public Procurement from the Single Source" of 26 February 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Financing is provided for the implementation of the network systems on Lithuanian and foreign market information.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 2(f): marketing and promotion services, including market information, advice and promotion relating to particular products but excluding expenditure for unspecified purposes that could be used by sellers to reduce their selling price or confer a direct economic benefit to purchasers.

(4) Cost of measure: 7.6 million Litas.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 26 February 2001.**(6) Period of application:** 2001-2003.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

No individual products.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Farmers' market facilities and co-operation in agricultural sector.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 117 "On the Financing of Cooperative Development" of 17 April 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Support provides for the agricultural co-operatives' development at the regional and national levels.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 2(f): marketing and promotion services, including market information, advice and promotion relating to particular products but excluding expenditure for unspecified purposes that could be used by sellers to reduce their selling price or confer a direct economic benefit to purchasers.

(4) Cost of measure: 4.8 million Litas.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 17 April 2001.**(6) Period of application:** 2001-2003.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

No individual products.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Natural disasters and fires.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 88 "On Financing of Rural Support Programme" of 30 March 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Compensation for natural disasters and fires is provided for the agricultural bodies, which have suffered from fire and other disasters (up to 60 per cent of the volume of the damage).

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 8: payments (made either directly or by way of government financial participation in crop insurance schemes) for relief from natural disasters.

(4) Cost of measure: 42 million Litas.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 17 April 2001.**(6) Period of application:** 2001-2003.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

No individual products.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Investment support for specialized dairy farms, which meet environmental, quality and other criteria.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 88 "On Financing of Rural Support Programme" of 30 March 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Investment support is provided to increase effectiveness and maintain high productivity herds for the farms, which meet basic environmental standards.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 11: eligibility for such payments shall be determined by reference to clearly defined criteria in government programmes designed to assist the financial or physical restructuring of a producer's operations in response to objectively demonstrated structural disadvantages. Eligibility for such programmes may also be based on a clearly-defined government programme for the reprivatization of agricultural land.

(4) Cost of measure: 23,2 million Litas.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 30 March 2001.**(6) Period of application:** 2001-2003.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

Dairy products.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
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(1) Full title of measure:

Organic farming.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 88 "On Financing of Rural Support Programme" of 30 March 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Target-oriented program concerning the protection of underground water against pollution and the development of ecological farming.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and meets the specific criteria of paragraph 12: eligibility for such payments shall be determined as part of a clearly-defined government environmental or conservation programme and be dependent on the fulfilment of specific conditions under the government programme, including conditions related to production methods or inputs.

(4) Cost of measure: 6.8 million Litas.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 30 March 2001.**(6) Period of application:** 2001-2003.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

Organic products across a variety of sectors.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Payments made based on fixed area and yields for rape-seeds.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 87 "Direct Payments for Rape-seeds" of 29 March 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Direct payments under production-limiting programme are provided to support the income level of agricultural producers. The total amount of support is tied to fixed area and yield of rape-seeds and not linked to the production volumes. The requirements for receiving support include the use of certified seeds.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Article 6.5(a)(i) of the Agreement on Agriculture.

(4) Cost of measure: 3.2 million Lit.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 29 March 2001.**(6) Period of application:** For the fiscal year 2001.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

The support principally benefits rape-seed.

Table DS: 2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Payments made based on fixed area and yields for flax.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 69 "On Direct Payments and Areas Allocation for Flax in a year 2001" of 21 March 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Direct payments under production-limiting programme are provided to maintain the income level of agricultural producers. The total amount of support is tied to fixed area and yield of flax and not linked to the production volumes. Support can be received only for identified flax areas according to the national information system for crop areas.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Article 6.5(a)(i) of the Agreement on Agriculture.

(4) Cost of measure: 11.2 million Lit.**(5) Date of entry into effect:** 21 March 2001.**(6) Period of application:** For the fiscal year 2001.**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

The support principally benefits flax.

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DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

SAPARD Programme* (Agriculture and Rural Development Plan).

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 323 "On Co-Financing of Special Accession Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (SAPARD) 2000–2006" of 19 September 2001.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Measure I "Investments in agricultural holdings".

The measure aims to improve the quality of agricultural products as well as hygiene and environmental standards of production. These objectives were achieved in parallel with increased efficiency and cost reductions which led to higher income levels and living standards.

Measure II "Improving the processing and marketing of agricultural and fisheries products".

The measure is aimed at improving the quality of food processing and food products as well as hygiene and environmental standards of production. A greater focus was turned to product development, together with investment in efficiency and cost reductions. The measure improved working conditions.

Measure III "Development and diversification of economic activities providing for multiple activities and alternative income".

New business opportunities, including development of rural tourism and improvements in rural social services, were supported.

Measure IV "Improvement of rural infrastructure".

Financing was provided to improve the infrastructure such as water supply, sewage systems, telecom systems and roads to make the living conditions in the rural areas better and to reduce disparities between the rural and urban areas of Lithuania.

Measure V "Afforestation of agricultural lands and improvement of forest infrastructure".

Increased afforestation of abandoned agricultural land was considered under this measure.

Measure VI "Environmentally friendly agricultural methods".

The main objective of agri-environmental programme is to reduce the negative impact of agricultural activity on the environment, restore the traditional landscape, increase biodiversity and introduce measures that ensure normal economic and social conditions for rural population.

Measure VIII "Technical assistance, information and publicity campaigns".

The measure is a support function for the previously mentioned measures. It is aimed to support technical assistance, information campaigns and monitoring and evaluations of projects, measures as well the overall programme.

* SAPARD measure "Vocational training" is excluded.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, paragraph 11.

- (4) **Cost of measure:** 150 million Litas.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 19 September 2001.
- (6) **Period of application:** 2002-2003.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**
No individual products.

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DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Farm modernization and electricity reticulation.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 80 "Farm modernization funding rules" of 8 March 2002.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Financing is provided to increase the size of farms, to improve working conditions for farmers, to launch promising manufacturing conditions.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, paragraph 11.

(4) Cost of measure: 4.8 million Lit.

(5) Date of entry into effect: 8 March 2002.

(6) Period of application: 2002-2003.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

No individual products.

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DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Payments through local authorities for the less favoured areas.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 80 "On Payments through local authorities for the less favoured areas" of 8 March 2002.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

The measure aims to insure permanent use of an agricultural land in less favourable areas, to preserve and promote farming systems in accordance with environmental requirements, to preserve landscape and rural communities.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, paragraph 13.

(4) Cost of measure: 20,4 million Lit.

(5) Date of entry into effect: 8 March 2002.

(6) Period of application: 2002-2003.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

No individual products.

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DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LITHUANIA

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) Full title of measure:

Funding of the Programme for the Control of Transmissible Diseases of Pigs.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

The Order of Minister of Agriculture No. 3D-361 "Control of pig contagious diseases funding rules" of 8 September 2003.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

The aim of the programme is to determine control and monitoring requirements for the prevention of contagious pig diseases regarding the epizootic situation, risk factor analysis, prevention measures and pig herd health status.

The notified scheme is in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture, paragraph 2(b), 2(e).

(4) Cost of measure: 1.2 million Litas.

(5) Date of entry into effect: 8 September 2003.

(6) Period of application: For the fiscal year 2003.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

Pork and pork products.
