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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 04 January 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant supporting tables) for the **Calendar Year 2019**.

Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Total AMS commitment level (from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	Currency (from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	Current Total AMS (from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
3,218.28	SAR/million	2,117.64

Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

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 SAR, million	Data Sources	Note
1	2	3	4	
2.General Services				
2 (a). Research	Agricultural Research Stations, Plant tissue cultures lab, Operation and maintenance, Regional lab, Agricultural Research Centres and Distance sensors centres.	237	MEWA	(1)
	Subtotal:	237		
2 (b). Pest and disease control	Securance of veterinary, Vaccine production, Veterinary labs, Air spray pest and disease control, and Veterinary services.	464.6	MEWA	
	Subtotal:	464.6		
2 (c). Training services	Saudi Chinese Cooperation, FAO Agreement and Veterinary training centres.	65.5	MEWA	(2)
	Subtotal:	65.5		
2 (d). Extension and advisory services	Agricultural Extension Expenses, Programmes of nurseries and Extension and development of Honeybees.	40.7	MEWA	
	Subtotal:	40.7		
2 (e). Inspection services	Operation of stations of sorting and purification of seeds and Establishment and equipping of veterinary quarantine.	105.8	MEWA	
	Subtotal:	105.8		
2 (g). Infrastructural services	Construction of dams, maintenance of dams, Irrigation and drainage systems, Prevention of moving sand and Planting and development of forests.	759.7	MEWA	
	Subtotal:	759.7		
	Subtotal General Services	1,673.3		
3. Public stockholding for food security purposes	SAGO, among other things, fulfils a public stockholding role for food security purposes by managing and controlling the storage and distribution of grains.	16.3	SAGO	(3)
	Subtotal:	16.3		
Grand Total Green Box		1,689.6		

General Note:

MEWA = Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture.

SAGO = Saudi Grains Organization.

Notes:

- (1) See methodological note number 2.
- (2) See methodological note number 2.
- (3) This meets the criteria of footnote to paragraph 3 of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

Supporting Table DS:4

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

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 ST DS:5 to DS:7)	Product-specific EMS (from ST DS:8)	Total (2 + 3)	Value of production	Support as a % of value of production	Current Total AMS	Note
	SAR, million	SAR, million	SAR, million	SAR, million		SAR, million	
1	2	3				4	
Wheat	119.63		119.63	478	25.03%	119.63	
Barley	0		0			0 (<i>de minimis</i>)	
Dates	79.44		79.44	15,750	0.5%	0 (<i>de minimis</i>)	
Livestock	281.4		281.4	8,576	3.28%	0 (<i>de minimis</i>)	
Poultry	1,998.01		1,998.01	12,870	15.52%	1,998.01	
Non-product-specific AMS(from ST/DS:9)			368.62	66,204	0.56%	0 (<i>de minimis</i>)	
TOTAL						2,117.64	

Supporting Table DS:5

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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	SAR	SAR	6	SAR, million	SAR, million	9	
Wheat	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	Market price support	1,250/Tonne	658.29/Tonne	202,179 Tonnes		119.63	SAGO	
Total Wheat									119.63		
Barley	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	Market price support	0/Tonne	685.22/Tonne	0 Tonnes		0	SAGO	
Total Barley									0		

General Notes:

External reference price: World prices CIF Jeddah.

SAGO: Saudi Grains Organization. The SAGO replaced the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization (GSFMO).

Supporting Table DS:6

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments

Description of basic products	Reporting Year			Measure Types	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST)	Eligible production	Total price related direct payments ((4-5)*6)	Other non exempt direct payments	Associated fees / levies	Total direct payment (7+8-9)	Data Sources	Note
	Type	From	To										
1	2			3	SAR	SAR		SAR, million	SAR, million	SAR, million	SAR, million	11	
Dates	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	Fixed ammount of subsidy					79.44		79.44	MEWA	
Total Dates											79.44		
Livestock	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	Fixed amount of input subsidy					104.5		104.5	MEWA	
Total Livestock											104.5		

General Note:

MEWA: Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture. The MEWA replaced the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)

Supporting Table DS:7

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS

Description of basic products	Reporting Year			Measure Types	Other product-specific budgetary outlays	Other product specific support (with calculation details)	Associated fees / levies	Total other product-specific support (4+5-6)	Market price support (from ST DS:5)	Non-exempt direct payments (from ST DS:6)	Total AMS (7+8+9)	Data Sources	Note
	Type	From	To										
1	2			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Dates	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	Target subsidy for palm trees		0		0				MEWA	(1)
Total Dates								0		79.44	79.44		
Livestock	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	Fixed amount of input subsidy	176.9			176.9				MOF	
Livestock	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	input subsidy for imported barley		0		0				Annex 2	(2)
Total Livestock								176.9		104.5	281.4		
Total Wheat									119.63		119.63		
Total Barley									0		0		
Poultry	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	Fixed amount of input subsidy for feed (imported corn and soybean)	1,998.01			1,998.01				MOF	
Poultry	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19	Fixed amount of input subsidy for equipment	0			0				ADF	
Total Poultry								1,998.01			1,998.01		

General Notes:

MEWA: Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture.

MOF: Ministry of Finance.

ADF: Agricultural Development Fund.

Notes:

- (1) To encourage producers to use drip irrigation for water conservation.

- (2) For calculation, see methodological note (Annex 2).

Supporting Table DS:9

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Non-Product-Specific AMS

Measure Types	Reporting Year			Non-product-specific budgetary outlays SAR, million	Other non-product specific support (include calculation details) SAR, million	Associated fees / levies SAR, million	Total non-product-specific support (3+4-5) SAR, million	Data Sources	Note
	Type	From	To						
1	2			3	4	5	6	7	
General agricultural subsidies	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19		65		65	ADF	(1)
Opportunity cost for interest-free agricultural loans	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19		49.62		49.62	ADF	(2)
Bad debts for agricultural loans	CY	01-01-19	31-12-19		254		254	ADF	(3)
TOTAL							368.62		

General Note:

ADF: Agricultural Development Fund. The ADF replaced the Saudi Arabian Agricultural Bank (SAAB).

Notes:

- (1) Agricultural subsidies are paid by ADF. See methodological note number 7.
- (2) For calculations, see methodological note number 8.
- (3) For calculations, see methodological note number 9.

ANNEX

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

The Basis of Calculation of Agricultural Domestic Support

This is an explanatory note to be read in conjunction with the current Saudi domestic support notification.

1. The figures are expressed in Saudi Riyals, where the exchange rate has been fixed at USD 1 = SAR 3.75 since 1986.
2. **Saudi Chinese Cooperation:** In the context of this programme, specialists from China are contracted with in order to work in the Ministry of Agriculture. Similarly, Saudis are sent to this country to gain experience. In addition, laboratory equipment is provided to support these programmes.
3. In determining eligible production for wheat, it excludes 5% impurities and 5% Zakat from total production. The ratio of 5% impurities represents a general average based on samples analysis drawn randomly from wheat and barley received by GSFMO. The ratio of 5% Zakat is determined according to Islamic Rules (this percentage of Zakat is limited only on farming and differs from the normal Zakat on all kinds of money which is 2.5%).
4. The applied administered price of wheat has been reduced to SAR 1,000/tonne (or USD 266.67) since 2004.
5. External reference prices of wheat are expressed as CIF Jeddah. These reference prices are determined as a sum of (Export price of US Hard Winter Ordinary Protein, FOB US Gulf Ports) + Ocean Freight to Egypt (Alexandria) + USD 3/tonne as estimated freight from Alexandria to Jeddah (2001-2003 Base Year). (Source: Food Outlook of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, No. 5, December 2002 and No.1 April 2005).
6. The external reference price for barley is calculated as the annual average of effective import prices for barley imported by GSFMO during the period 2001-2003 (Base Year).
7. Agricultural subsidies which are included in Supporting Table DS:9 are provided to all agricultural projects: wheat, poultry, dairy, sheep, greenhouse, vegetables and fruits, etc. These subsidies can be disclosed as follows: 25% of the price fixed by the Ministry of Agriculture for farm machinery; and the cost of poultry and dairy farms equipments.
8. The opportunity cost for agricultural loans represents the amount of total loans granted by the Agricultural Development Fund (ADF) multiplied by the average commercial interest rates because ADF does not charge interest on the granted loans (Annex 1).
9. Bad Debts for Agricultural Loans represent due balances carried forward for several financial years divided by ten. These amounts are based on a ten-year average because medium-term loans are extended for a period of ten years.
10. Calculation of livestock feed subsidy (Annex 2): the amount of subsidy per tonne on imported barley is the difference between the reference price and the price paid by the domestic livestock producers. The calculation of this subsidy is as following:

For imported barley: $IFBS = (E - P) * I$, where:

- **IFBS:** Imported feed barley subsidy;
- **P:** Price paid by livestock producers for barley;
- **E:** External reference price (= world price C.I.F Jeddah); and
- **I:** Quantity of Imported barley.

ANNEX 1

THE OPPORTUNITY COST FOR THE INTEREST FREE TOTAL LOANS

Granted by the Agricultural Development Fund**Reporting period: Calendar year 2019**

Year	Amount of Total loans Million Saudi Riyals	Average Interest Rate %	Opportunity cost Million Saudi Riyals
2019	1,886	2.631	49.62

Source: Agricultural Development Fund (ADF) and Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA).

ANNEX 2**Calculation of livestock feed subsidy****Reporting period: Calendar year 2019**

Description of Basic products	Calendar year 2017	Measure Type (s)	Reference price	Price paid by livestock producers	Quantity	Associated fees/levies	Total support	Data sources
1	2	3	(SAR/Tonnes) 5	(SAR/Tonnes) 4	(Tonnes) 6	7	(SAR, Million) 8	9
Livestock: Input subsidy								SAGO
Imported barley			771	800	5,175,060		-150.08	
Domestic barley			-	-	0		0	
Total							-150.08	