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## **Committee on Agriculture**

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#### **NOTIFICATION**

The following submission, dated 29 September 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **Viet Nam**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant supporting tables) for the **calendar year 2017**.

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# 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
3,961.59	VND/billion	0

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# Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - "Green Box"

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value  VND, billion	Data Sources	Note
1	2	3	4	
2.General Services				
2 (a). Research	Expenditures for scientific research activities relating to the agriculture sector	1,918.47	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	1,918.47		
2 (b). Pest and disease control	Expenditures for preventing and controlling pests and diseases relating to the agriculture sector	706.43	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	706.43		
2 (c). Training services	Expenditures for agriculture universities, colleges, vocational schools and technical trainers	1,503.74	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	1,503.74		
2 (d). Extension and advisory services	Expenditures for extension and advisory services; disseminating scientific research results to agriculture producers	772.98	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	772.98		
e). Inspection services	Expenditures for quarantine, quality and food safety inspection in order to protect human health and environment	195.84	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	195.84		
2 (f). Marketing and promotion services	Expenditures for supporting associations relating to trade promotion, such as a part of information-purchasing cost, trade fair participation cost, market survey cost, training. The support is not given to producers or exporters.	219.68	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	219.68		
2 (g). Infrastructural services	Expenditures for constructing agriculture infrastructure (irrigation system, research units, agriculture universities)	19,142.21	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	19,142.21		
2 (h). Other general services	Consulting, trademarks, and commodity standards - Expenditures for activities related to intellectual property, websites, consulting, trademark design, geographical indications	277.94	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	277.94		
	Subtotal General Services	24,737.28		

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value	Data Sources	Note
1	2	VND, billion	4	+
3. Public stockholding for food security purposes	Expenditures for national reserve for the purpose of national food security (rice is accumulated by National Reserve Department; paddy, maize varieties and veterinary vaccines, disinfectants by MARD). Food purchases by the government are based on market rules	2,163.34	MOF, Prov	
	Subtotal:	2,163.34		
4. Domestic food aid	Expenditures in relation to the provision of domestic food aid to sections of the population in need in remote, vulnerable and mountainous areas.	1,506.97	MOF, Prov	
	Subtotal:	1,506.97		
8. Payments for relief from natural disasters	Disaster mitigation programmes, agricultural insurance for crops and livestock - Payments to compensate for damage caused by natural disasters and support farmers in disaster-stricken areas to stabilize their lives and restore production, insurance for agriculture.	3,334.27	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	3,334.27		
Structural assistance provided through producer retirement programmes	Payments for transferring land and other resources, including livestock, from marketable agricultural production to other occupations	234.82	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	234.82		
11. Structural adjustment assistance provided through	Payments for converting ineffective crops to other effective ones	637.44	MOF, MARD, Prov	
investment aids	Subtotal:	637.44		
12. Environmental programmes	Supporting producers, a part of Biogas construction cost, biological padding in livestock and cost for moving livestock out of residential areas in order to protect environment	208.47	MOF, MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	208.47		
13. Regional assistance programmes	Socio-economic development program (well-known as 135 Program) for 1,500 highly disadvantageous communes in remote areas (constructing rural infrastructure as roads, irrigation system, agricultural production services in these communes)	2,970.75	MOLISA	
	Programme on supporting production land, house construction and clean water for ethnic minorities (well-known as 134 Program)	0.00	MOLISA	
	Programme on rapid and sustainable poverty reduction for 62 poor districts of the country, well-known as Resolution 30 (supporting reclamation cost, varieties, fertilizer, loan interest on agriculture production, vaccine, livestock, poultry, food aid, extension, plant protection, animal health, interest on introducing and advertising enterprise and cooperative products in disadvantageous communes)	1,943.62	MOLISA	
	Supporting rural infrastructure investment in highly disadvantageous areas as coastal areas and islands	254.00	MOLISA	
	Subtotal:	5,168.37		
14. Other direct payment	Population resettlement programmes in areas easily suffered from natural disasters, coastal areas, islands, forest core area; resettlement support for ethnic minorities	1,254.29	Prov	
	Investment in agriculture services relating to new rural areas and "Tam Nong" program	693.88	Prov	
	Living and production support for ethnic minorities (loans, varieties, pest and disease prevention)	81.63	CEM, Prov	
	Subtotal:	2,029.8		
Grand Total Green Box		40,020.76		

# 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	Data Sources	Note
		VND, billion		
1	2	3	4	
(a) Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture	Interest support, post-investment support, preferential interest rate for supporting farmers to buy agricultural machines in order to reduce post-harvest loss. Beneficiary groups are low-income and poor households.	361.28	MOF, SB, Prov	
	Subtotal:	361.28		
(b) Input subsidies available to low-income or resource-poor producers	National and local budgetary expenditures for input (varieties, fertilizer) support for poor and low-income people or people living in disadvantageous areas.  Beneficiary groups are low-income and poor households.	5,323.57	VBSP, Prov	
	Subtotal:	5,323.57		
(c) Support for diversification from growing illicit narcotic crops	Conversion support from illicit narcotic crops to other crops (support varieties, food aids during non-harvest time, production guidance training). Beneficiary groups are low-income and poor households.	0.14	MARD, Prov	
	Subtotal:	0.14		
Grand Total Development Programmes		5,684.99		

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## 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
	VND, billion	VND, billion	VND, billion	VND, billion		VND, billion	
1	2	3	•	•		4	
Rice	5,475.36		5,475.36	246,590.63	2.2%	0 (de minimis)*	
Corn	552.52		552.52	22,032.60	2.5%	0 (de minimis)*	
Vegetable	740		740	40,896.91	1.8%	0 (de minimis)*	
Coffee	852		852	62,400.91	1.4%	0 (de minimis)*	
Pepper	682.5		682.5	30,216.29	2.3%	0 (de minimis)*	
Cashew	787.5		787.5	11,320.89	7.0%	0 (de minimis)*	
Tea	185		185	6,072.70	3.1%	0 (de minimis)*	
Buffalo, cow	543.74		543.74	31,109.34	1.8%	0 (de minimis)*	
Pig	566.5		566.5	124,580.22	0.5%	0 (de minimis)*	
Poultry	1,334.64		1,334.64	36,220.72	3.9%	0 (de minimis)*	
Non-product-specific AMS(from ST/DS:9)	·		5,917.31	900,534.28	0.7%	0 (de minimis)*	
TOTAL						0	

<sup>\*</sup> AMS is not subject to reduction or inclusion in the current total AMS because the calculated AMS is less than 10% of value of production (*de minimis* exclusion).

Description	Reporting Year			Measure Types	Applied	External	Eligible	Total price	Other non	Associated	Total direct	Data	Note
of basic products	Туре	From	То		administered price	reference price (generally from AGST)	production	related direct payments ((4-5)*6)	exempt direct payments	fees/levies	payment (7+8-9)	Sources	
										VND, billion			
					VND	VND		VND, billion	VND, billion		VND, billion		
1		2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Rice	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Direct support (as Decree 35 for paddy producers					1,644.95		1,644.95	Prov	
Total Rice				•							1,644.95		

Note: Decree 35/2015/ND-CP on management and use of rice land replaces Decree No. 42. The locality mainly supports reclaiming and improving rice land with the support level specified in the decree: "Support VND 5,000,000/ha of specialized paddy rice land to be renovated from one-crop wet rice land or other land under the master plan and plan on land use for rice".

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Description		Reporting \	rear	Measure Types	Other	Other	Associated	Total other	Market	Non-	Total AMS	Data	Note
of basic products	Туре	From	То		product- specific budgetary outlays	product- specific support (with calculation details)	fees/levies	product- specific support (4+5-6)	price support (from ST DS:5)	exempt direct payments (from ST DS:6)	(7+8+9)	Sources	
					VND, billion	VND, billion		VND, billion	VND, billion	VND, billion	VND, billion		
1		2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Rice	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Variety support	3,758.41	72		3,830.41				MOF, Prov	
Total Rice								3,830.41		1,644.95	5,475.36		
Corn	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Variety support	552.52			552.52				Prov, MARD	
Total Corn								552.52			552.52		
Vegetable	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Variety support	740.00			740.00				Prov, MARD	
Total Vegetable								740.00			740.00		
Coffee	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Variety support	852.00			852.00				Prov, MARD	
Total Coffee								852.00			852.00		
Pepper	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Variety support	682.5			682.50				Prov	
Total Pepper								682.50			682.50		
Cashew	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Variety support	787.5			787.50				Prov, MARD	
Total Cashew								787.50			787.50		
Tea	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Variety support	185.00			185.00				MOF	
Total Tea				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				185.00			185.00		
Buffalo, cow	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Variety support	543.74			543.74				MOF	
Total Buffalo, cow								543.74			543.74		

Description	Reporting Year		Measure Types	Other	Other	Associated	Total other	Market	Non-	Total AMS	Data	Note	
of basic products	Туре	From	То		product- specific budgetary outlays	product- specific support (with calculation details)	fees/levies	product- specific support (4+5-6)	price support (from ST DS:5)	exempt direct payments (from ST DS:6)	(7+8+9)	Sources	
					VND, billion	VND, billion		VND, billion	VND, billion	VND, billion	VND, billion		
Pig	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Variety support	566.5			566.50				MOF	
Total Pig								566.50			566.50		
Poultry	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	Variety support	1,334.64			1,334.64				MOF	
Total Poultry								1,334.64			1,334.64		

Bank interest support for procuring temporary storage: Government facilitates marketing when price are very low during harvest season. Government support is in the form of interest rate support to marketing stakeholders like companies, cooperatives, associations etc.

Variety support: Mainly low income and poor famers benefit from these programs of national and provinces.

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### Non-Product-Specific AMS

Measure Types		Reporting Ye	ear	Non-product-	Other non-product-	Associated	Total non-	Data	Note
	Туре	From	То	specific budgetary outlays	specific support (include calculation details)	fees/levies	product-specific support (3+4-5)	Sources	
				VND, billion	VND, billion	VND, billion	VND, billion		
1		2		3	4	5	6	7	
Transport support for shipping agricultural inputs from lowland to upland areas and agro-products from upland to lowland areas	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	351.16			351.16	Prov	
Irrigation fee exemption. In the past, farmers had to annually pay for companies that maintain irrigation facilities, however, the government currently supports maintainance of the irrigation sytem	CY	01-01-17	31-12-17	5,566.15			5,566.15	Prov	(1)
TOTAL	•	•	•		_		5,917.31		·

Irrigation system serves for both agriculture and aquaculture. The policy is applying in general for all farmers including poor farmers. However, it is very difficult to separate support made available to low income, poor and limited farm-size farmers from that to other better off farmers who also benefit from this policy. Therefore, a major part of the above-mentioned irrigation fee exemption figures should be notified in Supporting Table DS:2.

Note: Official exchange rate: 2017: USD 1 = VND 22,682.68.

#### Explanation of abbreviations for relevant agencies:

CEMA: Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs

MARD: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

MOF: Ministry of Finance

MOIT: Ministry of Industry and Trade

MOLISA: Ministry of Labour - Invalids and social affairs

Prov: Provinces SB: State Bank

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VBSP: Vietnam Bank for Social Policies

Data sources: Bank for Foreign Trade of Vietnam.