



Committee on Agriculture

POINTS RAISED BY MEMBERS UNDER THE REVIEW PROCESS

COMPILATION OF QUESTIONS FOR THE MEETING ON 11-12 JUNE 2018

Corrigendum¹

Question AG-IMS ID 87024 from the United States of America to India should be removed from Section 4 OVERDUE NOTIFICATIONS and be included in a new section - SECTION 5 COUNTER NOTIFICATIONS. This new section should read as follows:

5 COUNTER NOTIFICATIONS

5.1 India

AG-IMS ID 87024: Question by United States of America

Please provide to Members the name, citation, and publication location, for all Indian legal instruments related to market price support for wheat and rice for any period from 2010 to the present. Please include both those issued by the national government and those issued by sub-national units of government.

Inclusion of State Level Bonuses in Applied Administered Price

- a. State-level bonuses for rice and wheat appear to have been provided by certain Indian states, including bonuses provided by Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh, for the years covered by this counter notification.
 - i. Please indicate whether any bonuses or incentives were provided for rice or wheat by any other sub-federal government during any year from 2010 to the present.
 - ii. Noting India's previous responses to the Committee, please explain and clarify India's rationale for not notifying these bonuses.

Eligible Production

- b. In both its first notification (G/AG/N/IND/1) and in its domestic support commitments (G/AG/AGST/IND), India identified as eligible production all rice and wheat produced in India. India, however, no longer does so, and instead notifies only quantities actually purchased by the GoI.
 - i. Please explain the specific basis for switching from total production to procured quantity.
 - ii. Please provide to Members the name and location of all measures, laws or regulations regarding market price support measures during the issuance of G/AG/AGST/IND, G/AG/N/IND/1, G/AG/N/IND/11, and G/AG/N/IND/12.

¹ In English only.

Rice Conversions

- c. Paragraph 7 of Annex 3 states: "The AMS shall be calculated as close as practicable to the point of first sale of the basic agricultural product concerned. "Please explain India's rationale for notifying support on a milled rice basis rather than a paddy rice basis

Currency

- d. In response to various questions asked by Members, including AG-IMS ID 76018, India has repeatedly stated the basis for notifying in U.S. dollars is that it provides a comparable estimate for all of its notifications since G/AG/N/IND/1 for MY 1995/96.

Noting India's previous incomplete responses to the Committee, please specifically explain the basis for switching from Indian rupees to U.S. dollars in G/AG/N/IND/1 given that Members' notified support levels are calculated for the primary purpose of comparison against their commitments, which in India's case are calculated in Indian rupees as referenced in its Agricultural Supporting Tables (G/AG/AGST/IND).

Value of Production

- e. Could India please provide a detailed explanation of the calculation methodology for the VoP figures for wheat and rice provided in India's response to AG-IMS ID 75061? In particular, please explain why the VoPs figures provided by India in its response to AG-IMS ID 75061 differ from the figures put out by India's National Account of Statistics.
- f. Will India provide value of production data in future domestic support notifications to ensure transparency and to be consistent with other Member (both developed and developing) notifications that include this data as a best practice to easily determine whether support is within the *de minimis* limit.
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