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## **Committee on Agriculture**

#### POINTS RAISED BY MEMBERS UNDER THE REVIEW PROCESS

COMPILATION OF QUESTIONS FOR THE MEETING ON 15-16 MARCH 2022

Corrigendum\*

The following corrigendum concerns the compilation of questions received by the Secretariat by the deadline of noon of 2 March 2022 as specified in WTO/AIR/AG/55 for the Committee on Agriculture meeting on 15-16 March 2022.

The following questions from India, which were erroneously lumped together with other questions in the original compilation document in G/AG/W/217, have been separated and reorganized as below:

- AG-IMS ID 100056: Paragraph 1 has been reclassified as a question on overdue notifications.
- AG-IMS ID 100056: Paragraphs 2 to 5 have been reclassified as new SIMs:
  - Canada's support to Prince Edward Island potato producers.
    - o Canada's support to the pork industry.
    - Canada's Herd Management and Drought Assistance program.
    - o Canada's support for the Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship programme.
- AG-IMS ID 100122: bullet point "b" has been reclassified as a new Specific Implementation Matter (SIM) entitled Russian's Federation compensation to farmers.
- AG-IMS ID 100041: Second paragraph has been reclassified as a question on overdue notifications.

The affected questions are reproduced below with new AG IMS ID and SIM numbers, as appropriate.

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<sup>\*</sup> In English only.

### 1 MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS: ARTICLE 18.6

## **NEW SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS (SIM)**

### 1.19 Canada's support to Prince Edward Island potato producers (SIM 735)

## 1.19.1 Question by India (AG-IMS ID 100140)

This question originally formed part of AG-IMS ID 100056. It has now been resubmitted as a separate question.

As per the news release dated 20 December 2021 (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2021/12/minister-bibeau-announces-28-million-to-support-prince-edward-island-potato-producers-impacted-by-trade-disruptions.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2021/12/minister-bibeau-announces-28-million-to-support-prince-edward-island-potato-producers-impacted-by-trade-disruptions.html</a>), "Minister Bibeau announces CAD 28 million to support Prince Edward Island potato producers impacted by trade disruptions". India requests Canada to elaborate on the following:

- a. The nature of the measure and under what provisions of the Agreement on Agriculture can it be categorised?
- b. As per Canada, what would amount to trade disruption?
- c. How would the impact of trade disruptions be calculated?
- d. In the news release, it is also mentioned that the support will resume full market access for PEI fresh potatoes. How would this support impact the international market of potatoes?
- e. When will Canada notify this support to the WTO?

## 1.20 Canada's support to the pork industry (SIM 736)

# 1.20.1 Question by India (AG-IMS ID 100141)

This question originally formed part of AG-IMS ID 100056. It has now been resubmitted as a separate question.

As per a news release dated 7 December 2021 (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2021/12/minister-bibeau-announces-federal-support-to-help-pork-producers-grow-their-markets-and-protect-against-african-swine-fever.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2021/12/minister-bibeau-announces-federal-support-to-help-pork-producers-grow-their-markets-and-protect-against-african-swine-fever.html</a>), the Minister announced an investment of more than CAD 4.6 million for three projects to grow the pork industry within Canada and in international markets. India requests Canada to elaborate on the following:

the details of the three projects mentioned in the news release for which announcement of an investment of more than CAD 4.6 million is made?

- a. The nature of the measure and under what provisions of the Agreement on Agriculture can it be categorised?
- b. It is also understood that Canada Pork International will undertake export market development initiatives to maintain and improve access to international markets". In this regard, Canada is requested to state:
  - i. the relevant category of support under the Agreement on Agriculture for this measure?
  - ii. Who would be the beneficiaries of this measure?

## 1.21 Canada's Herd Management and Drought Assistance program (SIM 737)

# 1.21.1 Question by India (AG-IMS ID 100142)

This question originally formed part of AG-IMS ID 100056. It has now been resubmitted as a separate question.

As per a news release dated 30 November 2021 (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2021/11/governments-of-canada-and-manitoba-announce-new-herd-management-program-under-agrirecovery-framework.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2021/11/governments-of-canada-and-manitoba-announce-new-herd-management-program-under-agrirecovery-framework.html</a>), the Canada and Manitoba Government had announced a Herd Management Drought Assistance program under the Agri Recovery framework. In this regard, Canada is requested to elaborate on the following:

- a. the details of the program?
- b. the implementation period of the program?
- c. Under which category of domestic support would Canada notify this program?
- d. What other programs are covered under the "AgriRecovery framework", notified as non-product specific support in Canada's DS:1 notification and how much is the budgetary outlay under each program in Canada's recent notification?

### 1.22 Canada's support for the Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship programme (SIM 738)

# 1.22.1 Question by India (AG-IMS ID 100143)

This question originally formed part of AG-IMS ID 100056. It has now been resubmitted as a separate question.

India notes that the Canadian Government announced support for the Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program. India requests Canada to elaborate on the following:

- a. The details and description of the program.
- b. Whether it a new or modified version of an existing program?
- c. Which provisions under the AoA does this program comply with?
- d. When will Canada notify this program to the WTO?

### 1.23 Russian Federation's compensation to farmers (SIM 739)

### **1.23.1 Question by India (AG-IMS ID 100144)**

This question originally formed part of AG-IMS ID 100122. It has now been resubmitted as a separate question.

As per a recent announcement by the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, the Russian Government plans to allocate additional funds to compensate farmers for part of the costs of creating and modernising agricultural facilities, purchasing fodder, and implementing the mechanism for preferential rural mortgages. India requests the Russian Federation to provide information on the following:

- i. When would these funds be allocated?
- ii. Under what provisions of the Agreement on Agriculture would these funds be categorised?
- iii. What would be the estimated sum allocated for compensation?

### **4 OVERDUE NOTIFICATIONS**

## 4.1.4 Canada

# AG-IMS ID 100056: Question by India - Transparency issues (including Table DS:2)

India notes that Canada's latest submitted DS:1 notification is for the calendar year 2017 (G/AG/N/CAN/142). By when can Canada notify its pending notifications?

# 4.1.5 European Union

# AG-IMS ID 100145: Question by India

This question originally formed part of AG-IMS ID100041. It has now been resubmitted as a separate question.

India notes that the EU's latest submitted DS:1 notification is for the marketing year 2018-19 (G/AG/N/EU/69). By when can the European Union notify the pending notifications?