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**Committee on Subsidies and  
Countervailing Measures**

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**SUBSIDIES****NEW AND FULL NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVI:1  
OF THE GATT 1994 AND ARTICLE 25 OF THE AGREEMENT  
ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES****LIECHTENSTEIN**

The following communication, dated 24 August 2021 and received on 25 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Liechtenstein.

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**PERIOD COVERED 2017-2020**

In accordance with Article 25 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and Article XVI:1 of the GATT 1994, the Government of Liechtenstein wishes to inform that Liechtenstein does not grant or maintain within its territory any subsidy within the meaning of Article 1.1 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures which is specific within the meaning of Article 2 of the Agreement, or which operates directly or indirectly to increase exports from or reduce imports into its territory within the meaning of Article XVI:1 of the GATT 1994.

Due to the customs union between Liechtenstein and Switzerland, Switzerland's notification (G/SCM/N/343/CHE) relating to agriculture subsidies also covers Liechtenstein. This notification does therefore not include agriculture subsidies granted or maintained within Liechtenstein, except the two mentioned below not covered by the aforementioned notification.

**AGRICULTURE****Decoupled income support****1 GENERAL DIRECT PAYMENTS****1. Title of the subsidy programme**

General direct payments: payment for services provided in the general interest (protection and maintenance of the countryside, safeguarding of the viability of rural areas), supplement to market earnings

**2. Period covered**

2017-2020.

**3. General goal and/or purpose of the subsidy**

The purpose of the subsidy is to improve the income of farmers, compensate for difficult conditions when livestock farming in mountain area, support certain crops and to secure a socially acceptable development of agriculture.

4. Background and authority

- a. Law On Agriculture of 11 December 2008 (LR 910.0).
- b. Ordinance of 23 March 2010 concerning income contribution in the field of agriculture (LR 910.023).

5. Form of the subsidy

Contributions (grants).

6. How the subsidy is granted and to whom

Contributions are paid directly to the farmer.

7. Amount of the subsidy

Year	Total amount (millions of CHF)
2017	3.3
2018	3.3
2019	3.5
2020	3.5

8. Duration of the subsidy

The subsidy is in place since 2010 and payments are usually made in three instalments (two down payments and one final payment) per year.

9. Statistical data enabling the effects of the subsidy on trade to be assessed

Farms in Liechtenstein

Year	Number of farms in Liechtenstein
2005	128
2007	127
2009	123
2010	118
2013	109
2016	102
2017	106
2018	104
2019	103
2020	99

## 2 ROUGHAGE-CONSUMING ANIMALS

1. Title of the subsidy programme

Payments for herding roughage-consuming animals.<sup>1</sup>

2. Period covered

2017-2020.

<sup>1</sup> Roughage-consuming animals are cattle, horses, sheep, goats, bison, water buffalo, deer, llamas, and alpacas. The payment is not made per animal, but per livestock unit (LU) of roughage-consuming animals. For further information on these livestock units, please refer to the relevant ordinance (available in German): [https://www.gesetze.li/konso/2009264000?search\\_text=lbav&search\\_loc=abk\\_list&lrnr=&lglid\\_von=&observe\\_date=30.01.2018](https://www.gesetze.li/konso/2009264000?search_text=lbav&search_loc=abk_list&lrnr=&lglid_von=&observe_date=30.01.2018).

3. General goal and/or purpose of the subsidy

The purpose of the subsidy is to allow this kind of herding to compete with herding for milk production, thereby also contributing to the upkeep of the countryside.

4. Background and authority

- a. Law On Agriculture of 11 December 2008 (LR 910.0).
- b. Ordinance of 23 March 2010 concerning income contribution in the field of agriculture (LR 910.023).

5. Form of the subsidy

Contributions (grants).

6. How the subsidy is granted and to whom

Contribution per livestock units, varying between CHF 450.- to 690.- per unit per year, paid directly to the stock farmer.

7. Amount of the subsidy

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total amount (millions of CHF)</b>
2017	2.2
2018	2.2
2019	2.4
2020	2.5

8. Duration of the subsidy

The subsidy is in place since 2010 and payments are usually made in three instalments (two down payments and one final payment) per year.

9. Statistical data enabling the effects of the subsidy on trade to be assessed

Roughage-consuming animals in Liechtenstein

<b>Year</b>	<b>Thousand livestock units</b>
2017	3.9
2018	3.9
2019	4.0
2020	4.1