



# **I. Agriculture notification requirements**

# **II. Monitoring & Surveillance and Scheduling issues in the DDA**

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# WTO Committee on Agriculture Notification requirements

- Why notifications?
  - **Monitor implementation and compliance**
  - Transparency
  - Used in dispute settlement panels
  
- Who examines them?
  - Committee on Agriculture
  - Experts in capitals
  - General public (Internet)

# Types of Notifications

- Market access
  - Tariff quota administration – Table MA:1
  - Imports under tariff quotas – Table MA:2
  - Special safeguard – Tables MA:3 to MA:5
- Domestic support
  - Green Box, Article 6.2, Blue Box, AMS – Table DS:1
  - New or modified exempt measures – Table DS:2
- Export subsidies – Tables ES:1 to ES:3
- Export prohibitions and restrictions – Table ER:1
- Follow-up to the NFIDC Decision – Table NF:1

# Who Has To Notify?

<b>Tariff Quotas</b>	Only Members with scheduled tariff Quotas
<b>Special Safeguard</b>	Only Members with scheduled right to take recourse
<b>Domestic Support</b>	All Members
<b>Export Subsidies</b>	All Members
<b>Export Prohibitions and Restrictions</b>	Ad hoc
<b>Follow-up to the NFIDC Decision</b>	All donors

# Scheduled commitments of Asia-Pacific Economies

	Market Access		Domestic support	Export competition
	Tariff quotas	Special safeguard	AMS reduction commitments	Export subsidy reduction commitments
China	√	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Indonesia	√	√	N.A.	√
Korea, Rep. of	√	√	√	N.A.
Malaysia	√	√	N.A.	N.A.
Papua New Guinea	N.A.	N.A.	√	N.A.
Philippines	√	√	N.A.	N.A.
Chinese Taipei	√	√	√	N.A.
Thailand	√	√	√	N.A.
Viet Nam	√	N.A.	√	N.A.
Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Fiji, Hong Kong China, Macao China, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tonga	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.



# Market Access Notifications

## ➤ Tariff quotas

“One off” and *ad hoc* notifications

- Table MA:1 – Notification on the administration of TQs and any changes in administration methods
- Table MA:2 – Volume of imports

Annual notification

# Market Access Notifications

## ➤ Special safeguard

- Table MA:3 – Volume-based safeguard
- Table MA:4 – Price-based safeguard
- Table MA:5 – Summary of safeguard actions – summary information from Tables MA:3 and MA:4

*Ad hoc* notifications

“Up-front” or *ad hoc* notifications

Annual notification

*Table MA:3      **MARKET ACCESS: name of Member***

*Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard:  
volume-based*

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**(1) Description of product:**

**(2) Tariff item number:**

**(3) Trigger level:** *tonnes*  
*(as calculated in Annex 1)*

**(4) Volume of imports entering territory in current period:** *tonnes*

**(5) Period of application:**  
*(calendar/marketing year or shorter period  
for perishable or seasonal products (specify))*





## Table MA:4 MARKET ACCESS: name of Member

*Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special  
safeguard: **price-based***

### "UP-FRONT" NOTIFICATION OF TRIGGER PRICES

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Tariff item number	Description of product	Trigger price
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(as calculated in Annex 1)

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***Possibility of “ad hoc” notifications on first use of the price-based  
safeguard measure***



Table MA:5

**MARKET ACCESS: [Member]**  
**REPORTING PERIOD: Fiscal year 2004**

*Annual summary of special safeguard actions taken*

Tariff item number	Description of product	Whether volume-based action taken during period	Whether price-based action taken during period
1	2	3	4
0401.20	Milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter: - Of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1% but not exceeding 6%: sterilized, frozen or preserved	Date of application: from 1 November 2004 to 31 March 2005	None
0713.10.229	Peas ( <i>Pisum sativum</i> )	None	Date of application: 29 November 2004



# Domestic Support Notifications

- No reduction commitment
  - Statement that no domestic support used (Table DS:1)
  - Or relevant Supporting Tables DS:1 to DS:9 if Green Box, Blue Box, Article 6.2 or any *de minimis* support
- Reduction commitment
  - Table DS:1 and Supporting Tables DS:1 to DS:9 indicating domestic support use, including Green Box, Blue Box, Article 6.2, *de minimis* or AMS support
- Table DS:2 – notification of new or modified measures exempt from reduction

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notification

Ad hoc  
notifications

**LDCs notify every two years**

**Table DS:1**

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Member B - REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar year 1995**  
*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

<b>Total AMS commitment level for period</b>	<b>Currency</b>	<b>Current Total AMS</b>
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached supporting tables)
250	\$ million	150

This figure should correspond exactly  
to the commitment in the Member's  
Schedule for 1995

This figure is derived from the result of  
the calculation of the Current Total AMS  
(Supporting Table DS:4)

# Export Subsidy Notifications

## ➤ No reduction commitment

- Statement that no export subsidies used (Table ES:1)
- If developing country Member using certain export subsidies pursuant to Article 9.4 – submit Supporting Table ES:2
- If significant exporter, submit Table ES:2

## ➤ Reduction commitment

- Table ES:1 and Supporting Tables ES:1 indicating export subsidy use
- Table ES:2 – list of products and volume of total exports

## ➤ Food aid donors

- Table ES:3 indicating total volume of food aid provided

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**Table ES:1**

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: Member B - REPORTING PERIOD: ...**

*Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments*

Products	Calendar / marketing year beginning ...	<b>Subsidised exports</b>		Food aid*	<b>Annual commitment levels</b>	
(from Section II of Part IV)	(from Section II of Part IV)	<b>Outlays</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	Quantity	<b>Outlays</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
					(from Section II of Part IV)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Wheat</b>	...	\$5.6 million	114,000 t	12,000 t	\$ 7.2 million	114,000 t
<b>Oranges</b>	...	\$0.98 million	13,000 t	-	\$1 million	17,000 t

\* Members are to provide data on food aid to all destinations.

# Notification compliance record of Asia-Pacific Economies

## (Pending notifications)

	Market Access		Domestic support	Export competition	
	Imports under tariff quotas (Table MA:2)	Special safeguard right (Table MA:5)	Domestic support (Table DS:1)	Export subsidies (Table ES:1)	Value of total exports (Table ES:2)
China	<i>Up-to-date</i>	N.A.	2002-2008	<i>Up-to-date</i>	N.A.
Indonesia	<i>Up-to-date</i>	<i>Up-to-date</i>	2001-2008	<i>Up-to-date</i>	<i>Up-to-date</i>
Korea, Rep.of	2008	2005-2008	2005-2008	2005-2008	N.A.
Malaysia	1999-2008	<i>Up-to-date</i>	2008	<i>Up-to-date</i>	<i>Up-to-date</i>
Papua New Guinea	N.A.	N.A.	1996-2008	1996-2008	N.A.
Philippines	2005-2008	2008	2005-2008	2008	2008
Chinese Taipei	<i>Up-to-date</i>	<i>Up-to-date</i>	2007-2008	<i>Up-to-date</i>	N.A.
Thailand	2007-2008	2007-2008	2005-2008	2007-2008	2007-2008
Viet Nam	2007-2008	N.A.	2007-2008	2007-2008	N.A.



# Notification compliance record of Asia-Pacific Economies

## (Pending notifications)

	<b>Domestic support</b> <i>(Table DS:1)</i>	<b>Export subsidies</b> <i>(Table ES:1)</i>
Bangladesh	2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008	2000-2008
Brunei Darussalam	1995-2008	1995-2008
Cambodia	2005, 2007	2004-2008
Fiji	1998-2008	1998-2008
Hong Kong, China	<i>Up-to-date</i>	<i>Up-to-date</i>
Macao, China	<i>Up-to-date</i>	<i>Up-to-date</i>
Maldives	2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008	1999-2008
Mongolia	2000-2008	2007, 2008
Myanmar	2006, 2008	2005-2008
Nepal	2005, 2007	2004-2008
Pakistan	2007, 2008	2001-2008 * ES:2 99-08
Singapore	2008	2008
Solomon Islands	1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007	1996-2008
Sri Lanka	1998-2008	1998-2008
Tonga	2007, 2008	2007, 2008



# **Monitoring & Surveillance and scheduling issues in the DDA**

# Monitoring & Surveillance discussions

## Mandate:

- Current Article 18 of the AoA to be amended.
- Enhanced monitoring and surveillance (M&S) of commitments
- Special emphasis on the role of M&S with respect to the Green Box

# Monitoring & Surveillance discussions

**Main points** (Annex M of the Revised Draft Modalities for Agriculture):

- Committee on Agriculture (CoA) to review and monitor the implementation of Member's commitments
- Review or monitoring of commitments primarily through notifications
- Supplementary documentation by the Secretariat, if requested by the CoA, to facilitate review process
- Current Article 18 of the AoA to be amended.
  - Covering new rules/commitments like the SSM or the OTDS or product-specific AMS or Blue Box caps
  - Enhanced monitoring through additional requirements like comprehensive one-off notification describing the existing Green Box programmes
  - Thematic review and surveillance like of the implementation of cotton-related commitments
- Technical assistance to developing country Members
- Review of the M&S mechanism after 3 years.

# Scheduling issues

- Schedules includes Member's concessions and commitments
- DDA agriculture outcome would be reflected in revised rules as well in the revised schedules
- Post-DDA schedules would result in:
  - Deepening of the existing concessions and commitments through 'reduction commitments' (eg. **Bound tariffs** or **Total AMS**)
  - Inclusion of new or additional concessions and commitments (e.g. **Bound OTDS Level** or **product-specific AMS** and **Blue Box caps**)

## Scheduling issues (Contd.)

- Formats or templates for Schedules as well supporting tables (AGST)
- Supporting data, for example value of total agriculture production (VoP)
- Submission of draft schedules as well supporting documentation using the agreed templates, in accordance with the provisions of the Modalities,
- Multilateral verifications of schedules (important role of supporting data)
- Technical assistance by the Secretariat
- Finalization of the Schedules (which would then become part of the WTO Agreement)

**THANK YOU**