



# Advanced Agriculture Notification Workshop Export Competition

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# Outline

## ➤ Relevant provisions:

- ☐ Agreement on Agriculture (AoA)
- ☐ EC Nairobi Decision

## ➤ Notification & Transparency Requirements:

- ☐ AoA requirements
- ☐ Export Competition Questionnaire
  - Export Subsidies
  - Export Finance
  - Food Aid
  - Agricultural Exporting State-Trading-Enterprise

## ➤ ECQ-IMS Online Tool:

- ☐ Submitting ECQ using the AG-IMS
- ☐ Report Generating Functionality



# Historical Context: AoA & ES

## Conceptual framework:

- ES became increasingly important leading up to the Uruguay Round
- ES on industrial products were prohibited under the GATT, but not for primary products including agriculture (**Article XVI 2, 3, 4 GATT**)

## Disciplines following the Uruguay Round:

- Disciplines under the Agreement on Agriculture outlawed ES except in specific circumstances
- **AoA:** Articles 1(e), 3.3, 9, 10 and 11

### In addition to:

- **Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing measures:** Article 3 & Annex I
- (Subsidies on export of primary products)



# Historical Context: Agreement on Agriculture - disciplines

## Definition

Article 1(e): Subsidies contingent upon export performance, including the export subsidies listed in Article 9

Additional Articles: 3.3, 10, and 11, discipline ES

## Legal Framework

### General prohibition except:

- ✓ If listed in a Member's Schedule – subject to reduction commitments (quantities and budgetary outlays)
- ✓ ES not listed in Article 9.1 provided they are not used to circumvent commitments
- ✓ S&D: Article 9.4

ES commitments are product-specific



During the implementation period, developing country Members shall not be required to undertake commitments in respect of the export subsidies listed in subparagraphs (d) and (e) of paragraph 1 above, provided that these are not applied in a manner that would circumvent reduction commitments





# Commitments to cut export subsidies

## Expression of commitments:

- Each limit applied to individual products or groups of products, where limits on quantity and expenditure is a separate binding commitment.
  - As specified in Member's schedules

## Rates of cut:

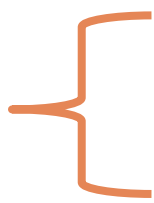
- Subsidy cuts used the base period of 1986-90, with annual cuts starting from 1995
  - Developed country Members were required to cut quantities subsidized by 21% and level of expenditure by 36% over 6 years.
  - Developing country Members were required to cut quantities by 14% and expenditure by 24% over 10 years



# Export subsidy subject to reduction commitments – Article 9.1

- Direct subsidies contingent on export performance
- Sale or disposal for export by governments or their agencies of non-commercial stocks at prices below domestic market price
- Payments on exports financed by government action (including producer financed subsidies)
- Subsidies to reduce cost of marketing, including handling, upgrading, international transport and freight
- Internal transport and freight charges on export shipments
- Subsidies on agricultural products contingent on their incorporation in exported products

**Art. 9.4**





## S&D - Article 9.4

During the implementation period, developing country Members shall not be required to undertake commitments in respect of the export subsidies listed in subparagraphs (d) and (e) of paragraph 1 above, provided that these are not applied in a manner that would circumvent reduction commitments.



# Anti-Circumvention – Article 10

## Prevention of Circumvention of Export Subsidy Commitments

- **“Other” export subsidies not to be applied - which results in or threatens to lead to the circumvention of export subsidy commitments**
- Non-commercial transactions not to be used to circumvent commitments
- **Development of internationally agreed disciplines on export credits, export credit guarantees or insurance programmes**
- General principles on **food aid transactions**
  - not tied directly or indirectly to commercial exports of agricultural products;
  - carried out in accordance with the FAO "Principles of Surplus Disposal and Consultative Obligations",
  - such aid shall be provided to the extent possible in fully grant form or on terms no less concessional than those provided for in Article IV of the Food Aid Convention 1986.





# AoA ES Relevant Articles

Policy area	Instrument	Developed countries	Developing countries
Export subsidies	Article 9	Definition of export subsidies subject to reduction	
	Article 10	Other export subsidies subject to anticircumvention provisions which include disciplines relating to food aid	
	Article 3.3	Prohibition on the use of export subsidies on products not subject to reduction commitments	
	Schedules	Distinct reduction commitments on both volume (21%) and budgetary outlays (36%) over six years	Two-thirds of the reduction required for developed countries over ten years
	Article 11	For incorporated/processed products budgetary outlays only (36%)	
	Article 9.4		Exception during the implementation period in respect of certain marketing and internal transportation subsidies



# The Nairobi Decision on Export Competition



MC10  
NAIROBI  
2015



WT/MIN(15)/45  
WT/L/980

23 December 2015

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(15-6849)  
Ministerial Conference  
Tenth Session  
Nairobi, 15-18 December 2015

## EXPORT COMPETITION

### MINISTERIAL DECISION OF 19 DECEMBER 2015

The Ministerial Conference,

Having regard to paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization;

Decides as follows:

#### General

1. Members reaffirm their commitment, pursuant to the 2013 Bali Ministerial Declaration on Export Competition<sup>1</sup>, to exercise utmost restraint with regard to any recourse to all forms of export subsidies and all export measures with equivalent effect.
2. Nothing in this Decision can be construed to give any Member the right to provide, directly or indirectly, export subsidies in excess of the commitments specified in Members' Schedules, or to otherwise detract from the obligations of Article 8 of the Agreement on Agriculture. Furthermore, nothing can be construed to imply any change to the obligations and rights under Article 10.1 of the Agreement on Agriculture or to diminish in any way existing obligations under other provisions of the Agreement on Agriculture or other WTO Agreements.
3. Nor can anything in this Decision be construed to diminish in any way the existing commitments contained in the Marrakesh Ministerial Decision of April 1994 on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-developed and Net-Food-importing Developing Countries and the Ministerial Decision of 14 November 2001 on Implementation-related Issues and Concerns<sup>2</sup> on, *inter alia*, commitment levels of food aid, provision of food aid by donors, technical and financial assistance in the context of aid programmes to improve agricultural productivity and infrastructure, and financing normal levels of commercial imports of basic foodstuffs. Nor could it be understood to alter the regular review of these decisions by the Ministerial Conference and monitoring by the Committee on Agriculture.
4. The Committee on Agriculture shall monitor the implementation of this Decision by Members in accordance with existing notification requirements under the Agreement on Agriculture, as complemented by the provisions set out in the Annex to this Decision.
5. The regular sessions of the Committee on Agriculture shall review every three years the disciplines contained in this Decision, with the aim of enhancing disciplines to ensure that no circumvention threatens export subsidy elimination commitments and to prevent non-commercial transactions from being used to circumvent such commitments.

<sup>1</sup> Document WT/MIN(13)/40 and WT/L/915.  
<sup>2</sup> Document WT/MIN(01)/17.



# Key components Nairobi Decision on Export Competition



- Special and differential treatment
- Cotton
- Monitoring and surveillance

# Phasing out Export Subsidies

## MC10 outcome - Key points

- Developed country Members with export subsidy entitlements. Eliminate:
  - ☐ As a general rule, immediately , as of the date of adoption of the Decision
  - ☐ Exception for EU sugar quantities under existing programme until 30/09/2017
  - ☐ Exception for processed products, dairy products and swine meat under certain conditions (if ES notified in 3 latest notifications examined by CoA, plus other conditions) until the end of 2020
  
- Developing country Members with export subsidy entitlements. Eliminate:
  - ☐ As a general rule, by the end of 2018
  - ☐ Exception for products for which ES notified in 3 latest notifications examined by CoA until the end of 2022
  
- Developing country Members - Article 9.4 flexibility
  - ☐ As a general rule, continue until the end of 2023
  - ☐ LDCs and NFIDCs listed in G/AG/5/Rev.10, continue until the end of 2030



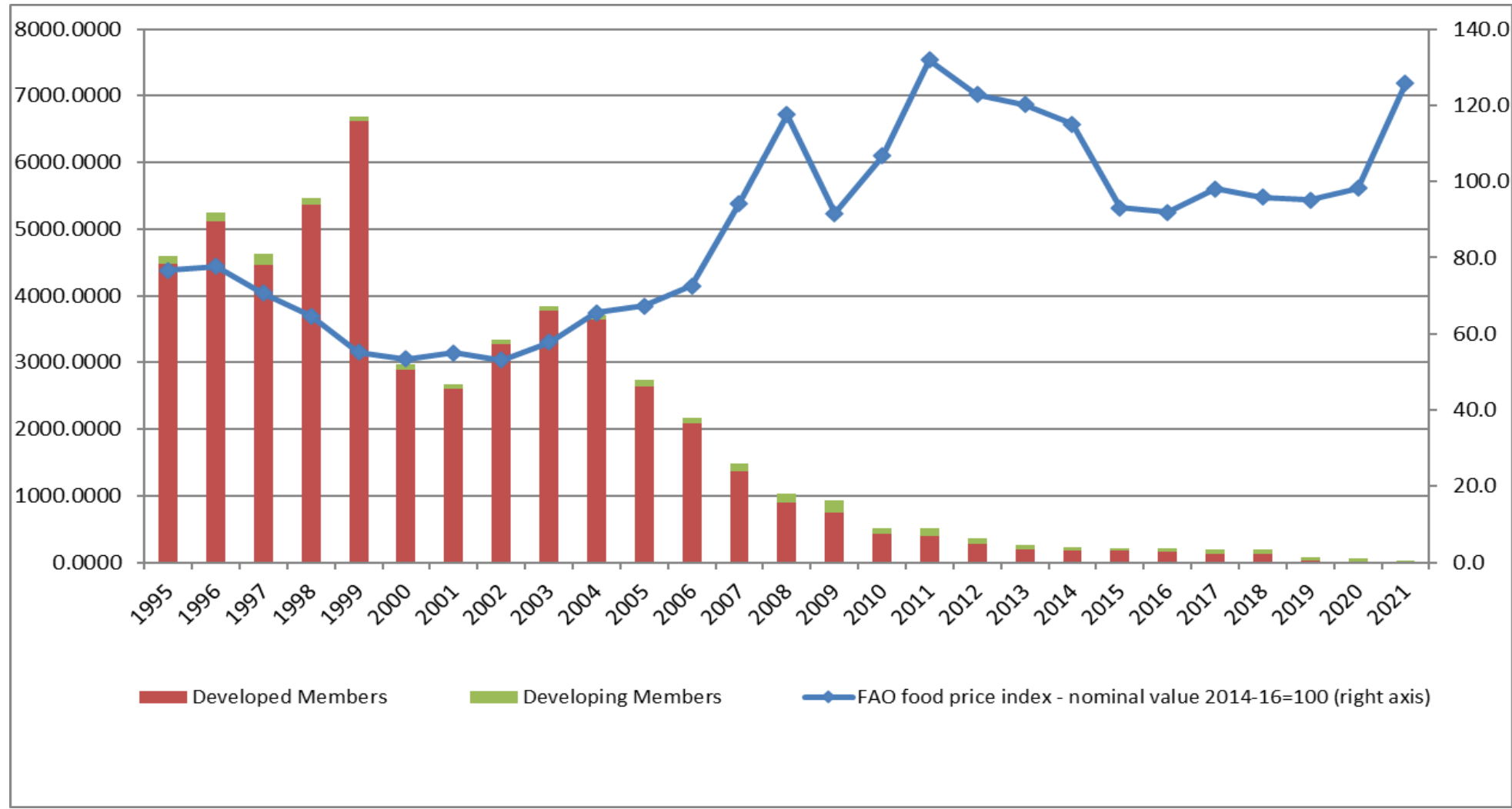
Member	Submission of revised draft schedule containing modifications to part IV pursuant to the Nairobi Decision on Export Competition	Certification of the new Schedule
Australia	Circulated on 22 February 2017Document G/MA/TAR/RS/454	Certified as of 22 May 2017Document WT/LET/1262
Brazil	Circulated on 28 October 2021Document G/MA/TAR/RS/660	Certified as of 28 January 2022Document WT/LET/1560
Canada	Circulated on 11 December 2017Document G/MA/TAR/RS/512	
Colombia	Circulated on 22 June 2018Document G/MA/TAR/RS/566	Certified as of 22 September 2018Document WT/LET/1411
European Union	Circulated on 17 October 2017Document G/MA/TAR/RS/506	
Iceland	Circulated on 15 March 2019Document G/MA/TAR/RS/584	Certified as of 15 June 2019 Document WT/LET/1440
Indonesia	Circulated on 12 October 2020 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/619	Certified as of 12 January 2021 Document WT/LET/1507
Israel	Circulated on 11 December 2017 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/511	Certified as of 11 March 2018 Document WT/LET/1348
Mexico	Circulated on 10 January 2019 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/578	Certified as of 10 April 2019 Document WT/LET/1430
Norway	Circulated on 28 November 2017 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/507	Certified as of 28 February 2018 Document WT/LET/1342
South Africa	Circulated on 2 March 2018Document G/MA/TAR/RS/524	Certified as of 10 October 2018 Document WT/LET/1416
	Circulated on 10 July 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/524/Add.1 and G/MA/TAR/RS/568	Certified as of 29 November 2018 Document WT/LET/1422
	Circulated on 29 November 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/524/Add.2	
Switzerland	Circulated on 2 May 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/539	Certified as of 2 August 2018 Document WT/LET/1385
Türkiye	Circulated on 18 June 2019 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/588	Certified as of 18 September 2019 Document WT/LET/1446
United States	Circulated on 8 August 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/571	Certified as of 8 November 2018 Document WT/LET/1418
Uruguay	Circulated on 26 June 2018 Document G/MA/TAR/RS/567	Certified as of 26 September 2018 Document WT/LET/1413

**Plus** Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela





# Evolution use agriculture export subsidies



# Export Finance

## MC10 outcome - Key points

- Maximum repayment term: 18 months
  - ❑ From the last day of 2017 for developed country Members
  - ❑ After phasing-in period of 4 years (end 2019) for developing country Members
- Self-Financing for export credit guarantees, (re)insurance and other risk cover programmes (i.e. not direct financing support)
- S&D treatment for importing LDCs and NFIDCs as listed in G/AG/5/Rev.10 (+ 9 SVEs)
  - ❑ **Comprises allowance for repayment term between 36 and 54 months for acquisition of basic foodstuffs**
  - ❑ **Extended time-frame in exceptional circumstances**



# Food Aid

## MC10 outcome - Key points

- Reaffirm commitments to maintain an adequate level of international food aid and to take account of the interests of food aid recipients
  - Do not impede the delivery of food aid provided to deal with emergency situations
- Must be in full conformity and ensure that all food aid is:
  - Needs-driven;
  - In fully grant form;
  - Not tied directly or indirectly to commercial exports of agricultural products or other goods and services;
  - Not linked to the market development objectives of donor Members;
  - Shall not be re-exported in any form, except under specific circumstances



# Agricultural Exporting State Trading Enterprise

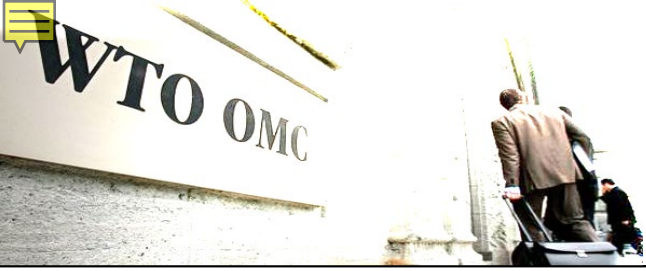
## MC10 – Key points

- Agricultural Exporting STEs shall be any enterprise which meets the working definition provided in **paragraph 1** of the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII (GATT 1994)
- Must not operate in a manner that circumvents any other discipline contained in this Decision
- Members shall make their best efforts to ensure the use of export monopoly powers is exercised in a manner that minimizes trade distortion



# Transparency requirements





**AoA**

# Existing Notification Requirements

## Export Subsidies

**ES:1**

Quantities and outlays

**ES:2**

Total exports

**ES:3**

International food aid



# Table ES:1 – who, what and when

Members can announce non-use of ES by statement in CoA  
E.g. 6 Members during last CoA, including Uganda

## ➤ Members without reduction commitment

- Statement that no export subsidies were used (**Table ES:1**)
- Nil Reply
- Oral Notifications in CoA (**G/AG/R/104**)

2024: streamlining notifications by potential disposing Table ES:1

**No later than 30 days following end of year**

## ➤ Developing country Member

- Using certain export subsidies pursuant to Article 9.4 – submit **Supporting Table ES:2**
- ST ES:2 must show export subsidies disaggregated according to:
  - Subsidies to reduce the costs of marketing
  - Subsidies to reduce internal transport and freight charges on export shipments



# ES:1 & Supporting Table ES:1

Table ES:1

## EXPORT SUBSIDIES: CANADA

REPORTING PERIOD: MARKETING YEAR 2015/2016

Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Description of products <sup>1</sup>	Marketing year 1 Aug 2015 – 31 Jul 2016	Subsidised exports		Food aid <sup>2</sup> Quantity (Tonnes)	Annual Commitment levels	
		Outlays (\$000)	Quantity (Tonnes)		Outlays <sup>3</sup> (\$000)	Quantity <sup>3, 4</sup> (Tonnes)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wheat and Wheat Flour		0	0	-	0	0
Coarse Grains		0	0	-	0	0
Oilseeds		0	0	-	0	0
Vegetable Oils		0	0	-	0	0
Oilcakes		0	0	-	0	0
Butter		0	0	-	11,025	905
Skim Milk Powder		31,145	11,321	-	31,149	18,147
Cheese		8,842	4,382	-	16,228	6,041
Other Milk Products		21,982	7,873	-	22,505	14,189
Vegetables		0	0	-	0	0
Incorporated Products		19,155	N.A.	-	20,276	N.A.

Supporting Table ES:1

## EXPORT SUBSIDIES: CANADA

REPORTING PERIOD: MARKETING YEAR 2015/2016

Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Description of products	Direct export subsidies	Sales of stocks	Producer financed subsidies	Cost reduction measures	Internal transport subsidies	Total product specific export subsidies	Quantity of subsidised exports	Data source
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(Tonnes)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Wheat and Wheat Flour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC)
Coarse Grains	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Oilseeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Vegetable Oils	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Oilcakes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Butter	-	-	0	-	-	0	0	
Skim Milk Powder	-	-	31,145	-	-	31,145	11,321	CDC
Cheese	-	-	8,842	-	-	8,842	4,382	CDC
Other Milk Products	-	-	21,982	-	-	21,982	7,873	CDC
Vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Incorporated Products	-	-	19,155	-	-	19,155	N.A.	CDC

N.A. = not applicable.



# Notification requirements:

## Article 9.4

### NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 12 July 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **Mauritius**. The notification concerns export subsidy commitments (**Table ES:1**) for the **Financial Year 2021/2022**.

In accordance with the notification requirements (paragraph (ii), page 24 of document G/AG/2), Mauritius notifies that the only export subsidies provided to agricultural products in financial year July 2021 - June 2022 were those covered by Article 9:4 of the Agreement on Agriculture as set out in the Supporting Table ES:2 attached.

### Supporting Table ES:2

### EXPORT SUBSIDIES: MAURITIUS

REPORTING PERIOD: FINANCIAL YEAR FROM 01-07-2021 TO 30-06-2022

*Export subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments: Developing Country Members using Article 9:1(d) and/or (e) Export Subsidies*

Description of products	Cost reduction measures	Internal transport subsidies	Total product specific export subsidies	Quantity of subsidised exports	Data Sources	Note
	MUR					
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Certain vegetables, certain fruits, and certain flowers	191,378		191,378	25,140 kilograms	Agricultural Marketing Board	

Note: Freight rebate scheme in support of the following products: a) certain vegetables (anguive, breadfruit, fine beans and extra fine beans; greens (brède), green chili and palm heart); b) certain fruits (avocado, fruits de cythère, litchi, passion fruit, pineapple and star fruit); and c) certain flowers (anthurium and orchid).



# Table ES:2 – who, what and when

## ➤ Members without reduction commitment

- Statement that no export subsidies were used (Table ES:1)
- Nil Reply
- ES:2 notifications produced by Secretariat export statistics (G/AG/W/123) as updated in G/AG/W/32 series

**No later than 30 days following end of year**

## ➤ Developing country Member

- Using certain export subsidies pursuant to Article 9.4 – submit **Supporting Table ES:2**
- ST ES:2 must show export subsidies disaggregated according to:
  - Subsidies to reduce the costs of marketing
  - Subsidies to reduce internal transport and freight charges on export shipments

## ➤ Members with reduction commitment & significant exporters

- Statement that provides quantity of total exports (Table ES:2)
- A statement for those products when defined as a significant exporter (G/AG/2/Add. 1)
- Attempted update of significant exporters (G/AG/123)

**No later than 120 days following end of year**





# Table ES:2

## NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 29 March 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **Costa Rica**. The notification concerns total exports (**Table ES:2**) in the context of export subsidy commitments for the **calendar year 2022**.

Table ES:2

### EXPORT SUBSIDIES: COSTA RICA

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2022

*Export Subsidies: Notification of Total Exports*

Description of products		Reporting Year			Quantity of total exports (of products from Part IV (Section II) of the Schedule)	Quantity of total exports (for products from the list of significant exporters)	Note
	Product disaggregation (Optional)	Type	From	To			
	1		2			3	
I. Products from the Schedule							
II. Products from the list of "Significant Exporters" (G/AG/2/Add.1)							
Fruit		CY	01-01-22	31-12-22		3,470,112.1 tonnes	(1)
III. Additional products with a share exceeding 5% of total world exports (Optional)							

Note:

(1) Concerns HS headings 0801 to 0814.





## Table ES:3 – who, what and when

### ➤ Members who provide food aid

- Notifications are required to be submitted annually
  - by all food donor Members
  - for all donated products (except for those products in respect of which this information must be notified under Table ES:1)
- No “Nil Return” is required from Members that do not provide food aid.

**No later than 120 days following end of year**



# ES:3 Table

Table ES:3

## EXPORT SUBSIDIES: JAPAN

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2020

*Export Subsidies: Notification of total volume of food aid*

Description of products	Reporting year type	From	To	Quantity of food aid to all destinations	Note
1	2		3		
Rice	CY	01-01-2020	31-12-2020	47,071 Tonnes	
Wheat and Wheat flour	CY	01-01-2020	31-12-2020	11,549 Tonnes	
Coarse grains	CY	01-01-2020	31-12-2020	5,517 Tonnes	
Vegetable oils	CY	01-01-2020	31-12-2020	1,217 Tonnes	
Skim milk powder	CY	01-01-2020	31-12-2020	162 Tonnes	
Vegetables	CY	01-01-2020	31-12-2020	1,036 Tonnes	

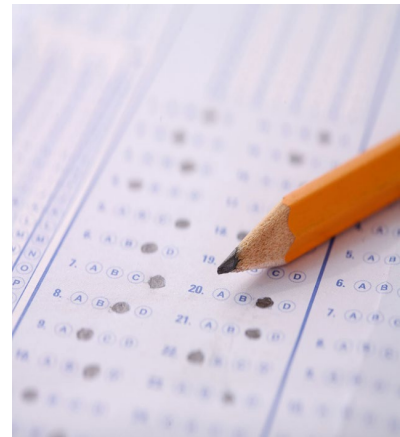


# The Export Competition Nairobi Decision & Questionnaire (ECQ) and its various components

## Coverage December 2015 Nairobi Decision on export Competition

- **Export Subsidies**
- **International Food aid**
- **Export Finance** (export credits, export credit guarantees or insurance programmes)
- **Agricultural Exporting State Trading Enterprises**

The Committee on Agriculture shall monitor the implementation of this Decision by Members in accordance with existing notification requirements under the Agreement on Agriculture, as complemented by the provisions set out in the Annex to this Decision.





# Export Competition questionnaire – who, what and when

## ➤ All Members

Response to the export competition questionnaire every year

➤ Circulation questionnaire on export competition: **17 January 2023**

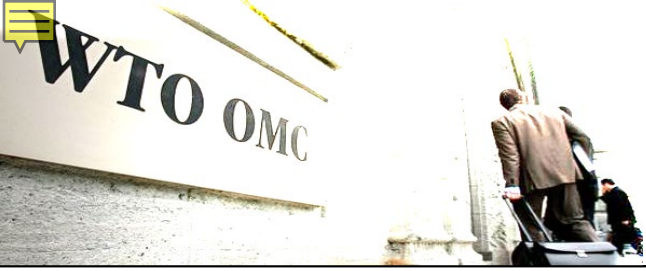
➤ Final Deadline for replies to the questionnaire: **5 May 2023**

➤ Circulation Background document G/AG/W/125/Rev.18 and 4 addenda: **23 May 2023**

➤ 8th post Nairobi Dedicated Discussion CoA Meeting:  
**27-28 June 2023**

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# Export Subsidies

Members shall continue to provide information on export subsidies within the context of an annual examination process, based on the following structure:

1. Provide information on **operational changes in measures.**



# Export Credit, Export Credit Guarantees or Insurance Programmes

Members shall continue to provide information on Export Credit, Export Credit Guarantees or Insurance Programmes within the context of an annual examination process, based on the following structure:

1. **Description of the programme** (classification within the following categories: direct financing support, risk cover, government to government credit agreements or any other form of governmental export credit support) and relevant legislation
2. **Description of Export Financing Entity;**
3. **Total value of export of agricultural products** covered by export credits, export credit guarantees or insurance programmes and use per programme;
4. **Annual average premium rates/fees** per programme;
5. **Maximum repayment terms** per programme;
6. **Annual average repayment periods** per programme;
7. **Export destination or group of destinations** per programme;
8. **Programme use by product or product group.**



# Food Aid

Consistent with previous questionnaire information, Members are required to submit their notification no later than 120 days following the end of year in question, where no "Nil reply" is required from Members who do not provide food aid. The following information is to be provided in Table ES:3:

1. **Product description;**
2. **Quantity and/or value of food aid** provided to **all destinations** (unless this information is already required in column 5 of Table ES:1, i.e. for Members with export subsidy reduction commitments for relevant products inscribed in the Schedule);
3. **Description of whether food aid is provided on in-kind, untied cash-based** basis and whether monetisation was permitted;
4. **Description of whether in fully grant form or concessional terms;**
5. **Description of relevant needs assessment** (and by whom) and whether **food aid is responding to a declaration of emergency** or an **emergency appeal** (and by whom);
6. **Description of whether re-export of food aid is an option** under the terms of the provision of food aid.



# Agricultural Exporting State Trading Enterprise

What to include:

1. Enumeration of State Trading Enterprises:

- ☐ **Identification** of state trading enterprises
- ☐ **Description of products affected** (Including tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description)

2. Reason and purpose:

- ☐ **Reason or purpose for establishing** and/or **maintaining** state trading enterprise
- ☐ **Summary of legal basis** for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers

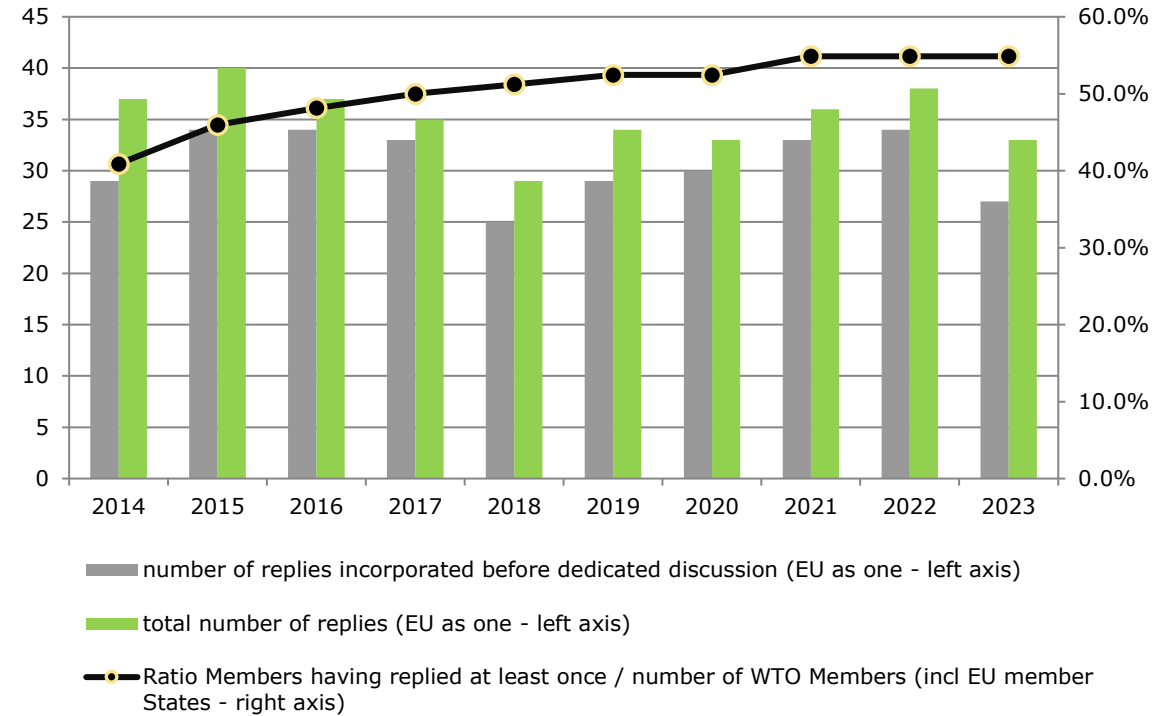
3. Description of the functioning of the State Trading Enterprise:

- ☐ **Summary statement** providing **overview of operations** of the state trading enterprise
- ☐ **Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges** enjoyed by the state trading enterprise
- ☐ Additional information subject to normal commercial confidentiality considerations
  1. Exports (value/volume)
  2. Export prices
  3. Export destination



## ECQ since 2014

- In 2023, a total of 33 Members have replied to the ECQ.
- Since 2014, 63 Member have replied to the ECQ, counting the EU as one.
- Since 2014, 28 Members have replied Nil to all Questionnaire Areas, with 9 Members replying in 2023.





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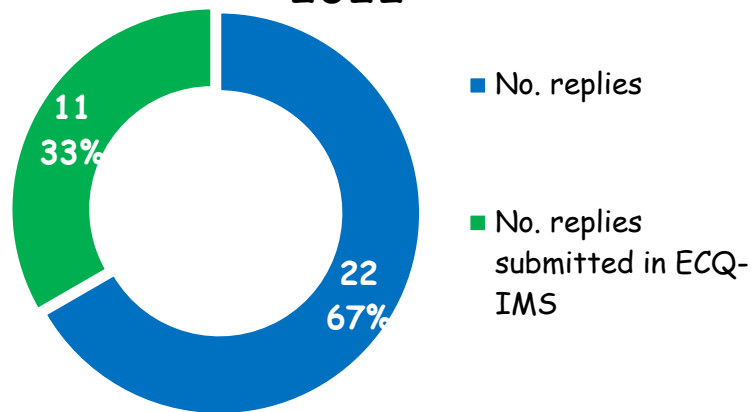
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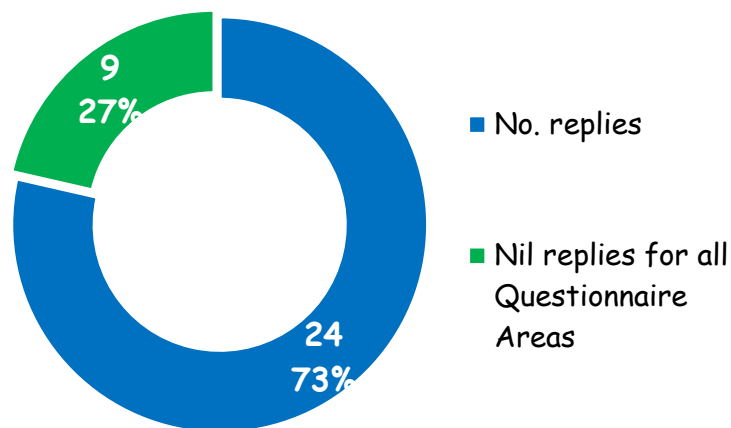
# ECQ-IMS: Submitting Notifications

ECQ replies in reporting year  
2022



➤ Of the total replies, 25% were uploaded by members using the new ECQ-IMS

Nil replies in 2023



➤ Of the total replies, 21% were Nil for all Questionnaire Areas

➤ To date, all responses for 2023 have been uploaded into the ECQ-IMS



# ECQ-IMS Online Tool

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The Committee invites the Secretariat to pursue the development of an ECQ IT tool project to ensure online replies to the ECQ and online data extraction and reporting. The Committee takes good note of the WTO Secretariat's intention to inform and seek feedback from the Membership during the development phase of this project (G/AG/30 para. 40 e – 17 March 2022)



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Notifying Member

Member A ▾

Questionnaire Area\*

--Select-- ▾

Selecting the Questionnaire Area for which you wish to submit: ES, EF, FA, STE, or Nil Record for Entire Questionnaire

Reporting Year\* 

--Select-- ▾

Nil Record

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Use Template With Previous Year Reply

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year for which the corresponding information is provided eg. calendar, marketing or financial year, depending on common practice followed by the Member

\* Corresponding fields must be filled in.



# Export Finance Example

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Notifying Member	<input type="text" value="Canada"/>	Reporting Year	<input type="text" value="2024"/>	Questionnaire Id	<input type="text"/>
Original Language	<input type="text" value="English"/>	Document Language	<input type="text" value="English"/>	Issued Date	<input type="text"/>
Status	<input type="text" value="Draft"/>	Submitted Date	<input type="text"/>		

[Add new entity](#)

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Description of Export Financing Entity	Delete
<div><div>► Cover Note</div><div>► Description of the programme (classification within the following categories: direct financing support, risk cover, government to government credit agreements or any other form of governmental export credit support) and relevant legislation</div><div>► Description of Export Financing Entity</div><div>► Total value of export of agricultural products covered by export credits, export credit guarantees or insurance programmes and use per programme</div><div>► Annual average premium rates/fees per programme</div><div>► Maximum repayment terms per programme</div><div>► Annual average repayment periods per programme</div><div>► Export destination or group of destinations per programme</div><div>► Program use by product or product group</div><div>► Additional Information</div></div>	



# Food Aid Example

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► Cover Note

► Product description

► Quantity and/or value of food aid provided

► Description of whether food aid is provided on in-kind, untied cash-based basis and whether monetisation was permitted

► Description of whether in fully grant form or concessional terms

► Description of relevant needs assessment (and by whom) and whether food aid is responding to a declaration of emergency or an emergency appeal (and by whom)

► Description of whether re-export of food aid is an option under the terms of the provision of food aid

► Additional Information

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# Agricultural Exporting STE Example

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Original Language	<input type="text" value="English"/>	Document Language	<input type="text" value="English"/>	Questionnaire Id <input type="text"/>
Status	<input type="text" value="Draft"/>	Submitted Date	<input type="text"/>	Issued Date <input type="text"/>

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Add New STE

Identification of State Trading Enterprises	Delete

► Cover Note						
1.Enumeration of State Trading Enterprises						
▼ Identification of State Trading Enterprises,Description of products affected (Including tariff item number(s) encompassed in product description)						
<table><tr><th>Name*</th><th>Product(s) Description</th><th>Tariff Item Numbers</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Name*	Product(s) Description	Tariff Item Numbers			
Name*	Product(s) Description	Tariff Item Numbers				
2.Reason and purpose						
► Reason or purpose for establishing and/or maintaining state trading enterprise						
► Summary of legal basis for granting the relevant exclusive or special rights or privileges, including legal provisions and summary of statutory or constitutional powers						
3.Description of the functioning of the State Trading Enterprise						
► Summary statement providing overview of operations of the state trading enterprise						
► Specification of exclusive or special rights or privileges enjoyed by the state trading enterprise						
4.Additional information subject to normal commercial confidentiality considerations						
► Exports (value/volume)						
► Export prices						
► Export destination						
► Reference to reply to questionnaire Working Party on State Trading Enterprises						
► Additional Information						



# ECQ-IMS: Report Generating Functionality



# ECQ-IMS: Records of Substantive/Nil Replies

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☐ EXPORT FINANCING  
☐ FOOD AID  
☐ EXPORTING STATE TRADING ENTERPRISES  
☐ SUMMARY TABLE

Members

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Implementation Years

--Select--

☐ Select all

☐ Select all

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# Exporting Substantive/Nil Replies

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Export to Excel

Change Search Criteria

Notifying Member	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Albania								N			
Argentina			N	N	N	N	N	N	N		
Australia			S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
Brazil				N	N	S	S	N	N		
Burundi					N						
Canada			S	S	S	S	S	N	N		
Chile			N		N	N	N	N	N		
China			N		N		N		N		
Chinese Taipei			N			N	N	N	N		
Colombia			S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
Costa Rica			N	N	N	N	N	N	N		
Dominican Republic							N	N	N		
Ecuador			N	N	N						
El Salvador							N	N			
European Union			N	N	N	S	S	N	N		
Fiji			N								
Guatemala				N		N					
Honduras			N			N	N		N		
Hong Kong, China			N	N	N	N	N	N	N		
Iceland				N			N	N			

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Members

--Select--

Implementation Years

--Select--

Last year reply to the questionnaire ☐

Only substantive replies ☐

Issued From Date

Issued To Date

Select all

Select all





# Selecting Questionnaire Fields for Members' Replies

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## Questionnaire Types

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- ☐ FOOD AID
- ☐ EXPORTING STATE TRADING ENTERPRISES

## Members

--Select--

☐ Select all

## Implementation Years

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## Questionnaire Fields

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# Generating a Report: Members' Replies

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Change Search Criteria

Questionnaire Id	Notifying Member	Reporting Year	Original Language	Available Languages	Revised	Issued Date	Number Of Forms
207	Chile	2016	English	En,Fr,Es	No	27/09/2017 00:00	-
208	Colombia	2016	English	En,Fr,Es	No	27/09/2017 00:00	-
209	Costa Rica	2016	English	En,Fr,Es	No	27/09/2017 00:00	-
210	Ecuador	2016	English	En,Fr,Es	No	27/09/2017 00:00	-
211	Fiji	2016	English	En,Fr,Es	No	27/09/2017 00:00	-
212	Honduras	2016	English	En,Fr,Es	No	27/09/2017 00:00	-
213	Hong Kong, China	2016	English	En,Fr,Es	No	27/09/2017 00:00	-
214	Israel	2016	English	En,Fr,Es	No	27/09/2017 00:00	-
215	Liechtenstein	2016	English	En,Fr,Es	No	27/09/2017 00:00	-
216	Macao, China	2016	English	En,Fr,Es	No	27/09/2017 00:00	-

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# Questions

- What do you feel limits your ability to submit notifications?
- Has this presentation helped you understand how to submit notifications?
- What could the Secretariat do to better support improving your transparency requirements?



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