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Committee on Agriculture

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NOTIFICATION

The attached notification concerning new or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction (**Table DS:2**) was received from the delegation of the **European Communities** on 20 November 2002.

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: European Communities

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

- (1) **Full title of measure:** Council Regulation (EC) No. 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice.
 - (2) **Domestic legislation:** Council Regulation (EC) No. 3072/95 of 22.12.95, published in O.J. L 329 of 30 December 1995.
 - (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**

The new orientation of the common agricultural policy should lead to a better balance on the markets and improve the competitiveness of Community agriculture.

The price reduction will be compensated.

Following Article 6, paragraph 5, of the Agreement of Agriculture, the direct payments are granted under production limiting programmes and based on fixed references of the past.
 - (4) **Cost of measure:** The total costs of these measures will be 125 mio €annually at the rates of full implementation.
 - (5) **Date of entry into effect:** Beginning of the 1996/97 marketing year.
 - (6) **Period of application:** From the 1996/97 marketing year onwards.
 - (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):** Rice.
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