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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 **Estonia** on 19 November 2001.

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ESTONIA

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

(1) Full title of measure:

Payments made on mutton and lamb meat production.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

Rural Life and Agricultural Market Regulation Act, Agricultural Development Strategy.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:

Article 6.5: Exempt direct payments: (ii) "payments made on 85 per cent or less of the base level of production".

Support is provided as a state aid to rural life and agriculture. It does not foresee the production growth and the support amount paid to the producer is not linked to production volumes nor to price or income levels. The state aid acts as supportive measure to ensure the basic reproduction of the sector and to prevent further growth of unused lands. Also, to maintain inhabitants in remote areas with agriculturally poor quality lands. The total amount of the support is tied to the base level of production and it does not exceed it. The number of animals raised for environmental purposes as the "natural lawn mowers" may increase. The support is provided to the producers equally according to the number of ewes the producer has. The requirements for receiving the support include the absence of state tax liabilities.

(4) Cost of measure:

2,1 million Estonian Kroon.
(later abbreviated as EEK, pegged to DEM, 8 EEK is equal to 1 DEM).

(5) Date of entry into effect:

31 May 2000.

(6) Period of application:

From fiscal year (later abbreviated as FY) 2000.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ESTONIA

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

(1) Full title of measure:

State measure for using certified seeds.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

Rural Life and Agricultural Market Regulation Act, Agricultural Development Strategy.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to the criteria, i.e. those in:

Annex 2: "Green Box": (12) Payments under environmental programmes (b).
This support is provided as a state aid measure for preserving the genofond of the hay seed, seed potato, cereals, legumes, rape, oil bearing rape and flax seeds. The aim of the support is to increase the share of certified seeds in the total amount of seeds used. This does not affect the production but the quality of the seeds, which makes them more resistant to plant diseases and insects. The supplementary effect of the support measure is preventing the spreading of weed seeds, especially wild oats. The support compensates part of the extra costs related to higher price of certified seeds. It does not foresee the production growth and the support amount is not linked to production volumes nor to price or income levels. The requirement is the real use of quality seed.

(4) Cost of measure:

25,8 million EEK.

(5) Date of entry into effect:

25 September 2000.

(6) Period of application:

FY 2000.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ESTONIA

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

(1) Full title of measure:

State measure for soil liming.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

Rural Life and Agricultural Market Regulation Act, Agricultural Development Strategy.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:

Annex 2: "Green Box": (13) Payments under regional assistance programmes (d) and (f). This support is provided as a state aid measure for improving the soil fertility in the regions with soil acidity less or equal to 6.0 pH_{kcl}. The area is determined by the respective soil research laboratories. The state covers part of the expenses of the farmer connected with purchasing the services from the company determined via public tender. The support does not foresee the production growth and the support amount is not linked to production volumes nor to price or income levels. The supplementary effect of the support measure is retaining inhabitation in remote areas with agriculturally poor quality lands.

(4) Cost of measure:

14,8 million EEK.

(5) Date of entry into effect:

21 February 2000.

(6) Period of application:

FY 2000.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ESTONIA

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
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(1) Full title of measure:

Insurance support.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

Rural Life and Agricultural Market Regulation Act, Agricultural Development Strategy.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:

"Amber Box": Non-Product-Specific AMS.

The insurance support is provided to the agricultural producers who, as a precautionary measure, have concluded an insurance contract for agricultural crops, productive animals or fisheries against natural disasters. The level of subsidy can be up to 40 percent of the insurance payment. The aim of the support measure is to motivate the producers to take a larger share of responsibility in case of possible damage. The support does not foresee the production growth and the support amount is not linked to production volumes nor to price or income levels. The requirement for receiving the support is that the payments are made correctly and on time.

(4) Cost of measure:

0,6 million EEK.

(5) Date of entry into effect:

21 July 2000.

(6) Period of application:

FY 2000.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ESTONIA

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
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(1) Full title of measure:

Payments made on milk production.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

Rural Life and Agricultural Market Regulation Act, Agricultural Development Strategy.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria, i.e. those in:

Article 6.5: Exempt direct payments: (ii) "payments made on 85 per cent or less of the base level of production".

Support is provided as a state aid to rural life and agriculture. It does not foresee the production growth and the support amount is not linked to production volumes nor to price or income levels. The aim of the support measure is to preserve the inhabitation in rural areas and maintain dairy cow raising as an agricultural activity. A supplementary effect of the measure is preventing further growth of unused lands. The support is provided to the producers equally according to the number of dairy cows the producer has, not depending on milk production or milk yield. The amount of supported level of production does not exceed 85 per cent of the base level production. There are two additional requirements that must be fulfilled in order to receive the support: (a) the basic veterinary requirements must be met; (b) the producer should not have any state tax liabilities.

(4) Cost of measure:

112,4 million EEK.

(5) Date of entry into effect:

15 February 2000.

(6) Period of application:

FY 2000.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ESTONIA

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

(1) Full title of measure:

Payments made on cereal production.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

Rural Life and Agricultural Market Regulation Act, Agricultural Development Strategy.

(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:

Article 6.5: Exempt direct payments: (ii) "payments made on 85 per cent or less of the base level of production".

Support is provided as a state aid to rural life and agriculture. It does not foresee the production growth and the support amount is not linked to production volumes nor to price or income levels. The state aid acts as supportive measure to ensure the basic reproduction of the sector and to prevent further growth of unused lands. The support is provided to the producers equally according to the arable crop area the producer attends, not depending on production or crop yield. The amount of supported level of production does not exceed 85 per cent of the base level production. There are two additional requirements that must be fulfilled in order to receive the support: (a) the basic phytosanitary requirements must be met; (b) the producer should not have any state tax liabilities.

(4) Cost of measure:

99,0 million EEK.

(5) Date of entry into effect:

31 May 2000.

(6) Period of application:

FY 2000.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):
