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Domestic Support and Export Subsidies in Agriculture

Addendum

For the purposes of the accession of the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the WTO, the Government has presented the following replies to questions raised by members of the Working Party with reference to document WT/ACC/SPEC/807/3, with the request that it be circulated to members of the Working Party.

Question 1.

Could you explain the predetermined target levels solely related to food security for relevant products purchased or sold (wheat, maize, unhusked rice,... etc.) under maintenance of stock reserves.

Answer

The predetermined target levels related to food security for the wheat, maize, unhusked rice,...etc. under the maintenance of stock reserves are based on the total demand for consumption of the population and annual production of these products. With regard to the latter also we note that the production of wheat and maize during the past years did not cover the demand and the shortages were covered by imports.

The structure of the consumption also has the influence on the predetermined target levels, as well as the yield by product unit which could be low in the region because of the climate and soil factors.

Predetermined target levels for stock of unhusked rice are due to the fact that it is a substitute of some essential foodstuffs.

Question 2.

Macedonia also described in paragraph 162 of WT/ACC/SPEC/807/4 that "...Directorate for Stock Reserves to organize the buy-in of determined quantities, in which case enterprises and individuals would purchase the commodities and store them on behalf of the Directorate as emergency food supplies". Could Macedonia confirm that enterprises and individuals make such purchases at market prices?

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Answer

Yes, enterprises and individuals make such purchases at market prices.

Question 3.

How does "private purchases made by enterprises and individuals" comply with paragraph 3 of Annex 2?

Answer

Private purchases made by enterprises and individuals form an integral part of a food security programme identified in national legislation.

Question 4.

In the case of wheat, how does Macedonia differentiate between "intervention stock" and "stock reserves for food security"?

Answer

There is no "intervention stock" of wheat and because of that it is not possible to make differentiation between "intervention stock" and "stock reserves for food security".
