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## **ACCESSION OF TONGA**

### Domestic Support and Export Subsidies in Agriculture

For the purposes of the accession of the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga to the WTO, the Government has submitted the following information on domestic support and export subsidies in agriculture.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE SUPPORTING TABLES DS:1 - 9

**1. Domestic Support**

- (a) The Kingdom of Tonga is a small, isolated, and vulnerable island developing country.
- (b) The Government of Tonga does provide a number of general service measures mainly through the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. A number of these measures benefit from technical and financial assistance provided by donor countries and agencies. The figures provided in the supporting tables include the external assistance provided through the Government system.
- (c) Salaries and wages make up the major component of Tonga's expenditure on domestic support.
- (d) Tonga's tables (Supporting Table DS: 1 – 9) are attached. They show that Tonga only provided “green box” measures in the representative period of 1996/97 – 1998/99. The average yearly monetary value of these measures was TOP\$2.05 million or about US\$ 1.02 million. Total average yearly value of agricultural production in the same period was TOP\$41.7 million or about US\$ 21.06 million.
- (e) The values of the measures were extracted from the Government's Program Budget Estimates for 1998/99, 1990/00 and 2000/01, which show actual expenditures incurred by government during 1996/97, 1997/98 and 1998/99, respectively.

**2. Export Subsidies**

The Kingdom of Tonga does not and has not provided any form of export subsidy to agriculture during the representative period.

Domestic Support  
Reporting Period 1996/97 – 1998/99  
*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment – "Green Box"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Research	General research including research programmes relating to specific commodity/product, environment, and farming systems/land utilisation		Actual Expenditures extracted from the Program Budget Estimates of the Government of Tonga for the financial years 1998/99, 1999/00, and 2000/01.
	1996/97 1997/98 1998/99 Average 1996/97 – 1998/99	TOP 590,465 TOP 190,608 TOP 314,068 TOP 365,047	
Pest and Disease Control	Quarantine and eradication, pest and disease control including the development of control measures 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99 Average 1996/97 – 1998/99	TOP 377,030 TOP 209,925 TOP 210,030 TOP 265,662	
Training Services	Farmer training including the provision of farmer training facilities (centres) 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99 Average 1996/97 – 1998/99	TOP 155,784 TOP 153,143 TOP 223,739 TOP 177,555	
Extension and Advisory Services	Extension and advisory services including the transfer of information and results of government and aid-funded research programmes 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99 Average 1996/97 – 1998/99	TOP 671,659 TOP 569,162 TOP 647,094 TOP 629,305	
Inspection Services	Includes product inspection and resource monitoring and other control measures 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99 Average 1996/97 – 1998/99	TOP 60,853 TOP 62,862 TOP 36,758 TOP 53,491	

1	2	3	4
Marketing and Promotion	Includes provision of market facilities, market information dissemination and advice 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99 Average 1996/97 – 1998/99	TOP 270,630 TOP 625,817 TOP 314,343 TOP 403,597	
Infrastructural Services	Includes agricultural roads, treatment facilities and other infrastructural facilities required for the facilitation of export 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99 Average 1996/97 – 1998/99	TOP 150,993 TOP 20,385 TOP 284,626 TOP 152,001	
	Total value of agricultural production 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99 Average 1996/97 – 1998/99	TOP 36,682,000 TOP 40,570,000 TOP 47,770,000 TOP 41,674,000	Provided by the Government Statistics Department.

Domestic Support  
Reporting Period: 1996/97 – 1998/99

Measure type	Name and description of measure	Monetary value of measure	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Domestic Support Programme	Measures Exempt from Reduction Commitment – Special and Differential Treatment – Development Programmes: Supporting Table DS: 2 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99	Nil Nil Nil	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Statistics Department and Ministry of Finance
	Measures exempt from Reduction Commitments – Direct Payments under production Limiting Programmes – Exempt Direct Payments: Supporting Table DS: 3 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99	Nil Nil Nil	
	Calculation of Total Aggregate Measurement of Support: Supporting Table DS: 4 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99	Nil Nil Nil	
	Product-Specific Aggregate Measures of Support: Market Price Supporting Table DS: 5 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99	Nil Nil Nil	
	Product Specific Aggregate Measurement of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments: Support Table DS: 6 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99	Nil Nil Nil	
	Product-Specific Aggregate Measurement of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS: Supporting Table DS: 7 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99	Nil Nil Nil	

1	2	3	4
	Product Specific Equivalent Measurement of Support: Supporting Table DS: 8 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99	Nil Nil Nil	
	Non-Product-Specific AMS: Supporting Table DS: 9 1996/97 1997/98 1998/99	Nil Nil Nil	

Supporting Table ES: 1

Export Subsidies  
Reporting Period: 1996/97 – 1998/99  
*Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 6:5	Monetary value of measure in year in question	Data sources
1	2	3	4
Subsidies on Exports	Tonga did not provide any export subsidies (either direct or indirect) for agricultural produce or products in the representative period	Nil	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Ministry of Finance

Part IV: Agricultural Products: Commitments Limiting Subsidization  
(Article 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture)

Reporting Period: 1996/97 – 1998/99

*Section I – Domestic Support: Total AMS Commitments*

Base Total AMS	Annual and Final Bound Commitment Levels	Relevant Supporting Tables and Document Reference
1	2	3
Tonga has no programmes or policies that are subject to reduction commitments within the meaning of Article 6 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Nil	Supporting Tables DS:1 – DS: 9

*Section II – Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments*

Description of Product and Tariff at HS Six Digit Level	Base Outlay Level	Calendar/Other Year Applied	Annual and Final Commitment	Base Quantity	Calendar/Other year Applied	Annual and Final Commitment	Relevant Supporting Tables
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	ES: 1

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