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The following notification concerning domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant supporting tables) for agricultural years 1997/1998 and 1998/1999 was received from the Permanent Mission of **Argentina** on 26 September 2001.

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ARGENTINAReporting Period 1997-1998*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question	Currency	Current total AMS
(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached supporting tables)
1	2	3
\$83,077,212	Pesos	\$83,014,846

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ARGENTINAReporting Period: 1998*Measures Exempt from the Reduction Commitment - "Green Box"*

Measure type	Name and description of the measure with reference to the criteria in Annex 2		Monetary value of the measure in the year in question (pesos)	Data source
1	2		3	4
General services				
<i>Research</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(a))	Special Fund for Tobacco	Research and development of new technologies for tobacco and livestock production in the province of Corrientes. (Experimental stations. INTA).	69,860,320 105,320	DNPYEyF (SAGPyA)
	INTA	Budget implemented in research service personnel.	69,755,000	INTA (SAGPyA)
<i>Pest and disease control</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(b))	National Agriculture and Food Quality Service	Central activities	97,008,567	
		Senior management – technical, legal and administrative services	18,707,570	SENASA
		Plant protection. Laboratory services.	3,184,705	
		Control of agriculture and food. Approval of agro-chemicals and pharmacological products. Laboratory service	51,574,209	
		Animal health	23,214,583	
	Support to combat mange in Patagonia	This programme is designed to eradicate sheep mange.	37,500	SAGPyA
<i>Training services</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(c))	Predators Control Programme in Patagonia	This programme includes payment for pelts and studies.	290,000	SAGPyA
	Special Fund for Tobacco	Technical assistance. Training of producers and technical specialists	476,034	
			476,034	DNPYEyF (SAGPyA)
<i>Extension and advisory services</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(d))	Special Fund for Tobacco	Technical assistance for activities related to diversification, reconversion and training for producers, technical specialists and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).	23,627,927	
			376,927	DNPYEyF (SAGPyA)
	INTA	Budget implemented in extension services personnel.	23,251,000	INTA (SAGPyA)

1	2	3	4
<i>Inspection services</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(e))	Special Fund for Tobacco	Administration and Monitoring in Catamarca, Chaco, Corrientes, Jujuy and Tucumán	825,291 825,291 DNPYEaYF (SAGPyA)
Infrastructure services (Annex 2, paragraph 2(g))	Special Fund for Tobacco (A)	Construction of a pipeline for natural gas supply in the towns of Trancas, Juan B., Alberdi and La Invernada in Tucumán.	2,765,060 350,000 DNPYEaYF (SAGPyA)
		Implementation of an anti-hail system using rockets in Jujuy.	2,415,060 DNPYEaYF (SAGPyA)
Food aid (Annex 2, paragraph 4)	Special Fund for Tobacco	Aid to meet the basic needs of producers affected by flooding in Chaco (450 producers - \$150 per producer, for the purchase of food).	67,500 67,500 DNPYEaYF (SAGPyA)
Decoupled income support (Annex 2, paragraph 6)	Agricultural Social Programme	The Social Programme benefits smallholders (minifundistas) in 21 provinces in the country through financial and technical assistance and training. Some of the eligibility requirements are: having a monthly income level not exceeding twice the rural agricultural worker's wage, not employing any labour, living on the farm, and having working capital not exceeding \$20,000. Smallholders who have formed a grouping may submit production projects for a maximum of \$1,200 per family and \$200 in the case of self-consumption projects. Together with the project, the Programme finances technical assistance provided by independent institutions or experts for a period of not more than three years. When receiving the funds, beneficiary families undertake to repay them to a provincial revolving fund, which is used to finance new projects.	18,731,613 7,696,710 SAGPyA
	Special Fund for Tobacco	Assistance to rebuild structures for self-consumption of grain and vegetables.	559,250 DNPYEaYF (SAGPyA)
		Assistance to tobacco-growing families to finance medical, health, biochemical and dentistry benefits.	10,475,653 DNPYEaYF (SAGPyA)
Government financial participation in income insurance and income safety net programmes (Annex 2, paragraph 7 (a) to (d))	Special Fund for tobacco (A)	Assistance to cover damage caused by climatic factors such as hail, strong winds and rainfall.	10,583,238 3,316,098 DNPYEaYF (SAGPyA)
		To cover part of the cost of planting tobacco, for smallholders whose plantations have been damaged by hail and strong winds in Salta and Jujuy.	6,573,540 DNPYEaYF(SAGPyA)
	Support programme for Patagonian agricultural production. SAGPyA Resolution 716/97	Compensation for wool producers up to a maximum of \$3,600 per producer, in emergency or agricultural disaster situations.	693,600 SAGPyA
Natural disaster relief payments (Annex 2, paragraph 8)			87,307,284

1	2	3	4	
	Agricultural Emergency Programme. Law No. 22913	Assistance provided to more than 71,000 producers who suffered damage from flooding caused by "El Niño" in the provinces of Córdoba, Chubut, La Pampa, Misiones, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, Formosa, Chaco, Sgo del Estero and Santa Fe. Assistance basically consists of supplies, equipment and soft loans.	85,548,148	SAGPyA
	Emergency support programme for Patagonian Agricultural Production. Resolution 613/96	Infrastructure works for communal benefit and use, for smallholders in situations of emergency. Support for provincial programmes to curb damage from animals harmful to livestock. Combatting sheep mange in Tierra del Fuego.	1,759,136	SAGPyA
Structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aids			81,204,220	
(Annex 2, paragraph 11(a) to (f))	Special Fund for Tobacco	Assistance for the financial or physical restructuring of production activities in response to objectively demonstrated structural disadvantages. The construction of centres, provision of supplementary equipment, production and storage; land improvement, assistance for the modernization of farms.	43,036,876	DNPyEayF (SAGPyA)
	Rural change	Assistance for 20, 890 producers, supporting a rural population of 90,070.	10,748,000	INTA (SAGPyA)
		Technical and business management assistance for 22,231 rural producers (CAMBIO RURAL).	16,194,000	INTA (SAGPyA)
	Smallholdings (minifundio)	Assistance for 19,395 producers, supporting a rural population of 87,435.	(1)	INTA (SAGPyA)
	Prohuerta	Assistance for 423,618 family vegetable gardens, 7,149 school vegetable gardens and 2,628 community vegetable gardens, supporting a population of 2,744,956 people.	11,200,000	INTA (SAGPyA)
	Import duty exemption for utility vehicles and equipment. Declaration 2151/92, 934/93 and 2720/93	The measure is designed to assist smallholding sheep farmers and wool producers in general in the provinces of Neuquén, Río Negro, Chubut, Santa Cruz and La Pampa.	25,344	SAGPyA
Regional Assistance Programme			2,486,184	
(Annex 2, paragraph 13(a) to (f))	Targeted and supervised credits for agroindustrial production in the Patagonian region.	Interest rate subsidy. Order No. 185/94 (374 producers). The value of the subsidy is estimated on the basis of 6% of the value of \$27,500,000.	1,650,000	DDA (SAGPyA)
	Support programme for Patagonian agricultural production. Resolution 613/96 and 783/96, amended by SAGPyA Resolution 376/97, 716/97 and 925/97	Loans, community works and support for pre-existing programmes, for Patagonian smallholders located in disadvantaged areas.	836,184	DDA (SAGPyA)

Notes:

SENASA: National Agriculture and Food Health and Quality Service

SAPyA: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food

DNPYEyF: National Directorate of Agricultural and Forestry Economics

(1) In 1998, the activities of this programme were financed with resources from the Cambio Rural Programme

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ARGENTINAReporting Period: 1997-1998*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from supporting tables DS.5 to DS.7 below)	Product specific measurements of support (from supporting table DS.8 below) (pesos)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (pesos)
1	2	3	4
Tobacco		83,014,846	83,014,846

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ARGENTINAReporting Period: 1997-1998*Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support*

Description of basic products	Calendar/marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	Production eligible to receive the applied administered price	Market price support budgetary outlays	Equivalent measurement of support (include calculation details)	Non-exempt direct payments	Other product-specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment	Data source
			(pesos/kg.)	(kg.)	(pesos)	(pesos)				(pesos)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 (7+8+9-10)	12
Tobacco	1 December 1997 to 30 November 1998	Payment per unit	0.712514	116,509,702	83,014,846	83,014,846	-	-	-	83,014,846	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food/FET yearbook-

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ARGENTINAReporting Period: 1998-1999*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Total AMS commitment level for period in question		Currency	Current total AMS
(from section I of part IV of the Schedule)		(from section I of part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached supporting tables)
1		2	3
\$81,926,366		Pesos	\$81,414,872

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ARGENTINAReporting Period: 1999*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 (pesos)	Data sources
1	2		3	4
General services				
<i>Research</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(a))	Special Fund for Tobacco	To develop new technologies for production in Corrientes (INTA experimental stations).	69,912,767	
		Assistance for INTA and production-related cooperatives in Tucumán	105,320	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
			216,447	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
<i>Pest and disease control</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(b))	INTA	Budget implemented in research service personnel.	69,591,000	INTA (SAGPyA)
	National Agriculture and Food Quality Service	Central activities.	90,421,957	
		Senior management – Technical, legal and administrative services	19,745,514	SENASA
		Plant protection. Agriculture and food control.	2,164,246	
		Approval of agro-chemicals and pharmacological products.	47,074,480	
		Laboratory services		
		Animal health.	21,020,157	
	Special Fund for Tobacco	Epidemiological monitoring in Misiones.	67,560	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
		Control of leaf cutting ants in Misiones.	60,000	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
<i>Training services</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(c))	Predator control programme in Patagonia (SAGPyA Resolution No. 716/97 and 925/97)	This programme includes payment for pelts and studies.	290,000	SAGPyA
	Special Fund for Tobacco	Training of producers and technical specialists.	431,153 431,153	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)

1	2	3	4
<i>Extension and advisory services</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(d))	Special Fund for Tobacco	Technical assistance and training in activities related to diversification, reconversion and capacity building.	24,244,906 1,047,906 DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
	INTA	Budget implemented in extension services personnel.	23,197,000 INTA (SAGPyA)
<i>Inspection services</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(e))	Special Fund for Tobacco	Administration and monitoring in Chaco, Catamarca, Corrientes, Jujuy, Misiones, Salta and Tucumán.	2,697,495 2,697,495 DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
<i>Marketing and promotion services</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(f))	Special Fund for Tobacco	Funds for pre-investment and markets (Corrientes).	2,508,765 29,200 DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
		Support for the consolidation of citrus fruit marketing channels in Misiones.	2,479,565 DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
<i>Infrastructure services</i> (Annex 2, paragraph 2(g))	Special Fund for Tobacco (A)	Paving a section of provincial highway No. 334 in Tucumán.	1,591,964 299,812 DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
		Support programme for the completion of work on the installation of a processing and elaboration of regional crops for small producers in Jardín América, Misiones. Financing of the following items: civil works, energy, water system.	537,842 DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA) Res. 352/99
		Programme to finance the completion of work on the installation of a maté dryer in the 25 de Mayo cooperative in Misiones. Financing of the following items: civil works, energy, water system	200,000 DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA) Res. 352/99
		Support programme for administrative standardization and control of the land of 5,400 producers in Misiones.	450,000 DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
		Construction of a soil laboratory in Jujuy.	104,310 DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
Decoupled income support (Annex 2, paragraph 6(a) to (e))	Agricultural Social Programme	The Social Programme benefits smallholders (minifundistas) in 21 provinces in the country, through financial and technical assistance and training. Some of the eligibility requirements are: having a monthly income level not exceeding twice the rural agricultural workers wage, not employing any labour, living on the farm, and having a working capital not exceeding \$20,000. Smallholders who have formed a grouping may submit projects for a maximum of \$1,200 per family and \$200 in the case of self-consumption projects. Together with the project, the Programme finances technical assistance provided by independent institutions or experts for a period of not more than three years. When receiving the funds, beneficiary families undertake to repay them to a provincial revolving fund, which is used to finance new projects.	16,301,056 4,570,407 SAGPyA

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	Special Fund for Tobacco	Assistance for tobacco-growing families to finance medical, health, biochemical and dentistry benefits.	11,468,149	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
		Assistance to rebuild structures for self consumption of grain (15,000 producers in Misiones with less than 25 hectares).	262,500	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
Government financial participation in income insurance and income safety net programmes (Annex 2, paragraph 7(a) to (d))			3,678,138	
	Special Fund for Tobacco (A)	Purchase of anti-hail rockets (producers in Jujuy, 145,000 hectares).	1,694,513	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
		Distribution of seeds among smallholders in Misiones affected by climatic problems.	880,645	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
		Creation of a solidarity fund for hail insurance coverage (17,000 producers in Misiones).	1,102,980	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
Natural disaster relief payments (Annex 2, paragraph 8(a) to (e))			9,790,737	
	Agricultural emergency Programme. Law 22913	Assistance for producers who suffered from flooding caused by "El Niño" in the provinces of Córdoba, Santiago del Estero, Santa Fé, Buenos Aires, and La Pampa. Assistance basically consists of supplies, equipment and soft loans).	5,293,000	SAGPyA
		Assistance for 138 producers in Córdoba, affected by freezing conditions and hail.		
		Replacement of losses suffered by 227 producers in Rio Negro as a result of fire or hail	211,800	SAGPyA
			330,000	SAGPyA
	Emergency Support Programme for Patagonian Agricultural Production Resolution 613/96	Infrastructure works for communal benefit and use, for smallholders in situations of emergency. Support for provincial programmes to curb damage from animals harmful to livestock. Combatting sheep mange in Tierra del Fuego.	303,937	SAGPyA
	Special Fund for Tobacco	Assistance for water-related emergencies caused by the overflow of the Panamá river, flooding and constant rainfall linked to "El Niño" (3,729 producers in Corrientes).	1,646,560	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
		Replacement of losses suffered by smallholding tobacco producers as a result of inclement weather conditions such as hail and strong winds (Salta).	2,005,640	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
Structural adjustment assistance provided through investment aids (Annex 2, paragraph 11(a) to (f))			66,743,547	
	Special Fund for Tobacco	Assistance for the financial or physical restructuring of production operations in response to objectively demonstrated structural disadvantages. Construction of centres, provision of supplementary equipment, production and storage; improvement of land; assistance for the modernization of farms.	47,480,222	DNPYeAyF (SAGPyA)
	Rural change	Technical and business management assistance for 20,890 rural producers, supporting a rural population of 90,070.	10,748,000	INTA (SAGPyA)
	Smallholdings (Minifundio)	Technical assistance for production, organization and training (19,395 smallholders, supporting a population of 87,435)	(1)	INTA (SAGPyA)

1	2	3	4	
	Prohuerta	Assistance for 423,618 family vegetable gardens and 7,149 community and school vegetable gardens.	8,500,000	SAGPyA
	Import duty exemption for utility vehicles and equipment. Declaration 2151/92, 934/93 and 2720/93	The measure is designed to help smallholding sheep farmers and wool producers in general in the provinces of Neuquén, Río Negro, Chubut, Santa Cruz and La Pampa.	15,325	SAGPyA
Environmental programme payments			57,441	
(Annex 2, paragraph 12(a) and (b))	Special Fund for Tobacco	Programme designed to carry out tasks related to the improvement of the soil, favouring conservation in tobacco growing areas in Tucumán.	57,441	DNPyEAyF (SAGPyA)
Regional Assistance Programme			98,650	
(Annex 2, paragraph 13(a) to (f))	Support programme for Patagonian agricultural production. Resolution 613/96 and 783/96, amended by SAGPyA Resolution 376/97, 716/97 and 925/97	Credits to producers of between 1,000 and 6,000 sheep (297 producers)	98,650	DDA (SAGPyA)

Notes:

SENASA: National Agriculture and Food Health and Quality Service (values repeated for the previous period)

SAGPyA: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food

DNPYEyF: National Directorate of Agricultural and Forestry Economics

(1) In 1999 the activities of this programme were financed with resources from the Rural Change Programme

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ARGENTINAReporting Period: 1998-1999*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below)	Product-specific measures of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below) (pesos)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (pesos)
1	2	3	4
TOBACCO		81,414,872	81,414,872

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ARGENTINAReporting Period: 1998-1999*Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support*

Description of basic products	Calendar/ marketing year beginning ...	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price (pesos/kg.)	Production eligible to receive the applied administered price (kg.)	Market support budgetary outlays (pesos)	Equivalent measurement of support (include calculation details) (pesos)	Non- exempt direct payments	Other product- specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment (pesos)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 (7+8+9-10)	12
TOBACCO	1 December 1997 to 30 November 1998	Payment per unit	0.717673	113,442,774	81,414,872	81,414,872	-	-	-	81,414,872	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food/FET year books