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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 **Czech Republic** on 12 November 1999.

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Czech Republic

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

1. Full title of measure:

Consultations in agricultural sector.

2. Domestic legislation references:

Article 2.1 of the Act. 252/1997 Coll. on Agriculture, dated 24 September 1997

3. Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria (i.e. those in Annex 2)

This programme is to serve farmers from the organisation, economic and professional point of view and includes :

- Special consulting – support of workshops and training courses for public and publishing of special brochures for the farmers free of charge.
- Special consulting for animal and plant production
- Support of organising of agricultural farms in view of securing of common consulting
- Support of high quality training of consultants
- Support of information of independent market information system for agricultural products
- Support of preparation works on SAPARD programme (Special Accession Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development)
- Support of establishing of producers marketing organisations

It is a non-investment, direct and irretrievable support, amounting 60-100% of proved costs according to the individual kinds of activities.

4. Cost of measure:

For 1998: CZK 50,84 million

5. Date of entry into effect :

3 March 1998

6. Period of application:

As from 1998

7. Product to principally benefit (if any individual products(s)):

No individual product

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Czech Republic

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

1. Full title of measure:

Support for dairy cows

2. Domestic legislation references:

Article 2.1 of the Act No. 252/1997 Coll. on Agriculture, dated 24 September 1997

3. Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria (i.e. those in Annex 2, para 11)

The support of dairy cows aimed at improving of genetic potential to the level of the advanced breeders in other countries. The improved genetic potential will lead to restructuring of herds, decreasing of the number of dairy cows and increasing of competitiveness of this sector. This is a non-investment, direct, irretrievable support, not connected with the milk production.

4. Cost of measure:

For 1998: CZK 655,79 million

5. Date of entry into effect :

3 March 1998

6. Period of application:

As from 1998

7. Product to principally benefit (if any individual products(s)):

No individual product

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Czech Republic

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

1. Full title of measure:

Support of sheep walk in less favourable areas

2. Domestic legislation references:

Government Regulation No. 341/1997 Coll. dated 26 November 1997 concerning Support of development of mountains and LFA (Less favourable areas)

3. Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria , (i.e. those in Annex 2)

The support of sheep-walk is carried out through a financial contribution to a breeding of a head. The purpose of the support is the maintenance of grassland plots necessary for environmental reasons, such as soil and landscape formation and - in addition - for restructuring of land fund aimed at the intensification of agriculture and for the need of reduction of the share of eroded arable land. In the less-favoured areas of mountainous and sub-mountainous regions, the sheep breeding is supported especially in order to control the growth of grass.

4. Cost of measure:

CZK 31,16 million

5. Date of entry into effect :

20 January 1998

6. Period of application:

20 January 1998 to 31 December 1998

7. Product to principally benefit (if any individual products(s)):

No individual product

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DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Czech Republic

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

1. Full title of measure:

Support for ecological agriculture.

2. Domestic legislation references:

Government Regulation No. 341/1997 Coll. dated 26 November 1997 concerning Support of development of mountains and LFA (Less favourable areas)

3. Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria , (i.e. those in Annex 2)

The programme aimed at minimalizing of chemical inputs into the agricultural production (pesticides, veterinary medical and chemical fertilisers), improvement of soil quality and a protection of healthy environment. Additional objectives of the programme are production of so called "bio-food" and maintenance of life in rural areas, including "agro-tourism."

4. Cost of measure:

For 1998: CZK 48,09 million

5. Date of entry into effect :

1 January 1998

6. Period of application:

As from 1998

7. Product to principally benefit (if any individual products(s)):

No individual product

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Czech Republic

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

1. Full title of measure:

Support for flood area (spread of wild animals)

2. Domestic legislation references:

Article 2.1 of the Act No. 252/1997 Coll. on Agriculture, dated 24 September 1997

3. Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria , (i.e. those in Annex 2)

Support of the breeding and release of the threatened animals (grouse, black grouse, partridge, bustard) in the area of their natural occurrence and additional support to the professional breeding of bezoar goat and white stag.

4. Cost of measure:

CZK 5,38 million

5. Date of entry into effect :

1 January 1998

6. Period of application:

1 January 1998 to 31 December 1998

7. Product to principally benefit (if any individual products(s)):

No individual product
