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NOTIFICATION

The attached notification concerning domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1**) for the **calendar year 1998** was received from the delegation of **Israel** on 26 May 2000.

Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Israel

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 1998

Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Total AMS commitment level for 1997	Currency	Current Total AMS
(from Section 1 of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from Section 1 of Part IV of the Schedule)	(from attached Supporting Tables)
1	2	3
619,992	US\$1,000	411,563

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Israel**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 1998***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 1998 (US\$1,000)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
(a) General Services			
(i) Agriculture Research Center	Improvement of production potential, diversification of agro-industry and post harvest processes;	53,423	
	General operation	11,991	Budget book
	Infrastructure investments	258	Budget book
	Research centers and facilities operations	38,300	Budget book
	Research funds	2,874	Budget book
(ii) Chief Scientist Research Fund	Provide grants to agriculture research.	7,083	
	General operation for research	6,473	Budget book
	"Kemah" fund – Agriculture Chief Scientist Fund	543	Budget book
	Agriculture by the Tora (Bible)	67	Budget book
(iii) General Ministry of Agriculture Operations	Provision of overall management of the Ministry of Agriculture including specialised administrative service.	40,183	Budget book
(iv) Services Provided for Farmers		50,275	
	Plant protection services	6,248	Budget book
	Veterinary services	14,624	Budget book
	Inspection and training	974	Budget book
	Soil Conservation and drainage department	908	Budget book
	Brucellosis prevention	808	Budget book
	National park protection Authority	4,589	Budget book
	Pasture authorities	242	Budget book
	Marketing promotion	3,380	Budget book

Measure Type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in 1998 (US\$1,000)	Data Sources
1	2	3	4
(v) Mediterranean Fruit Fly Project	Eradication of the Fruit fly in the Arava.	1,630	Budget book
(vi) Extension Services	Distribution of information, farmers training and technical assistance.	16,503	Budget book
(vii) New Plants Program	Promotion of pilot projects and demonstration projects.	368	M.O.A.
(b) Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes		21,314	
(i) Cereal Reserve	To insure a reserve for three months of Cereal for emergency purposes.	11,242	Budget book
(ii) Melah	To insure a reserve of foodstuff for emergency purposes.	10,072	Budget book
(f) Payment for Relief from Natural Disasters		16,946	
(i) Natural Disaster Insurance Fund	Government allowance in the Natural Disaster Insurance program.	8,237	Budget book
(ii) Advances for claims on Insurance Fund	Advance payment to farmers not covered by the insurance policy.	759	Budget book
(iii) Natural Disaster Compensation	Payment to farmers not covered by the insurance policy.	7,787	Budget book
(iv) Natural Disaster Operations	Operation cost of the administration.	163	Budget book
(g) Structural Adjustment through Producer Retirement Program		8,225	
(i) Autonomy Agreement	Payment to retired producers of vegetables as a result of the Oslo agreement.	8,225	Budget book
(k) Regional Assistance Programs		96,726	
(i) Rural Department Agreement	Specific measure to Kibbutzim and Moshavim.	44,738	Budget book
(ii) New Settlement Infrastructure	Specific measure to New Kibbutzim.	48,646	Budget book
(iii) Border Settlements program	Payment to farmers that were affected from "sour grapes" operation	3,079	M.O.A.
(iv) Clean Arava project	A project to clean the Arava area from pesticides (a part of the Mediterranean Fruit Fly Project)	263	Budget book
Total		294,176	

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Israel**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 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)	Total AMS	Value of production 1998	Current total AMS as a percentage of value of production	Current Total AMS
	US\$1,000	US\$1,000	US\$1,000	US\$1,000	(<i>de minimis</i> = 10%)	US\$1,000
Cotton	-		-	111,232	0.00%	0
Wheat	1,316		1,316	27,341	4.81%	0
Vegetables	8,156		8,156	447,588	1.82%	0
Fruits other than citrus	400		400	459,745	0.09%	0
Citrus fruits	4,184		4,184	226,281	1.85%	0
Flowers	10,842		10,842	160,678	6.75%	0
Eggs	51,299		51,299	117,416	43.69%	51,299
Meat of poultry	125,208		125,208	287,226	43.59%	125,208
Meat of bovine animals	895		895	160,388	0.56%	0
Milk	235,056		235,056	421,825	55.72%	235,056
Non-product-specific AMS (from Supporting Table DS:9)	60,057		60,057	3,532,939	1.70%	0
Total						411,563

Supporting Table DS:5

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Israel

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 1998

Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support

Description of basic products	Calendar year beginning 1.1.1998	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST/...)	Eligible production	Associated fees/levies	Total market price support	Data sources
			US\$/tonne		1,000 tonnes		US\$1,000	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 ((4-5*6)-7)	9
Tomatoes		Absorption of surplus	171	257	493.1		0	1
Cucumbers		Absorption of surplus	145	333	115.5		0	1
Onions		Absorption of surplus	58	208	80.6		0	1
Potatoes		Absorption of surplus	0	303	333.4		0	1
Eggs		Production quotas and guaranteed minimum price	0.076	0.043	1,277,000		41,896	2
Meat of poultry		Production quotas	2,016	1,354	175.7		116,271	2
Milk		Production quotas and guaranteed minimum price	366	157	1,126		235,056	2
Total							393,223	

1. Israel Central Bureau of Statistic and Vegetable Board.
2. Israel Central Bureau of Statistic.

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Israel**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 1998***Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

Description of basic product	Calendar year beginning 1.1.1998	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price (generally from AGST/...)	Eligible production	Total price- related direct payments US\$1,000	Other non- exempt direct payments US\$1,000	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments US\$1,000	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ((4-5)*6))	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
Wheat		Local grain aid					1,316		1,316	
Vegetables		Deficiency payment					288		288	M.O.A.
		Investment program					7,868		7,868	
Fruits other than Citrus		Specific aid					400		400	
Citrus fruits		Investment program					4,184		4,184	
Flowers		Investment program					7,815		7,815	
		Specific aid					3,026		3,026	
Eggs		Deficiency payment					1,210		1,210	
		"Galilee law"					8,192		8,192	
Meat of poultry		Deficiency payment					1,594		1,594	
		"Galilee law"					7,079		7,079	
		Specific aid					263		263	
Meat of bovine		Investment program					237		237	
		Herd aid					658		658	
Total							44,132		44,132	

Supporting Table DS:7

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Israel**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 1998***Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS*

Description of basic product	Calendar year beginning 1.1.1998	Measurement type(s)	Other product-specific budgetary outlays	Other product specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total other product-specific support	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6)	Total product-specific AMS	Data sources
							US\$1,000	US\$1,000	US\$1,000	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
Cotton							-	-	-	M.O.A.
Wheat							-	1,316	1,316	
Vegetables							-	8,156	8,156	
Fruits other than citrus							-	400	400	
Citrus fruits							-	4,184	4,184	
Flowers							-	10,842	10,842	
Eggs							41,896	9,403	51,299	
Meat of poultry							116,271	8,937	125,208	
Meat of bovine animals							-	895	895	
Milk							235,056	-	235,056	
Total							393,223	44,132	437,355	

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Israel**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 1998***Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Calendar year beginning 1.1.1998	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays US\$1,000	Other non-product specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total non-product- specific support US\$1,000	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7
Investment Aids:						
Law for the Encouragement of Investment in Agriculture		791			791	M.O.A.
Water supplier support		59,267			59,267	Budget book
Total					60,057	