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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 **Slovak Republic** on 19 December 2002.

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Slovak Republic

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

(1) Full title of measure:

Countervailing payments in crop production.

(2) Domestic legislation reference:

Act of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic No. 3809/2/2000-100 as of 18 December 2000 on Business Activity Promotion in Agriculture, as amended by Act of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic No. 2367/2/2001-100 on Business Activity Promotion in Agriculture; Act No. 240/1998 on Agriculture and on Amendments of Other Acts amended by Act No. 361/2000.

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

Subsidies under the above-mentioned title are being granted for the purpose of maintaining diversity in crop production in the following three groups of crops:

- 1) special permanent varieties, such as productive hop-yards, wine-yards, orchards and plantations of berry fruits and asparagus;
- 2) field vegetables, (healing) herbs, flax, chicory, greenhouse vegetables including hydroponics, potatoes for reproduction;
- 3) oil seeds, poppy seeds, legumes, tobacco, soy beans, cereals.

This measure is related also to plant biological protection agents. All mentioned crops are divided into three groups depending on the way of payment. In the case of the first group, support is granted up to 10% of sale per hectare, including deliveries into own processing plants. In the second group, supporting resources reach up to 3,000–15,000 Sk per hectare (74–370 US\$/ha). In the case of the third group, supporting payments are granted up to 200–1,500 Sk per tonne (5–37 US\$/t). In the case of tobacco, payments reach up to 20,000 Sk/t (493 US\$/t).

(4) Cost of measure:

942 million Sk (approx. 23 million US\$).

(5) Date of entry into effect:

1 January 2001.

(6) Period of application:

1 January 2001 – 31 December 2001.

(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):

Inputs (seedlings, seeds, plant protection preparations).
