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IMPLEMENTATION DATES FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMITMENTS

Note by the Secretariat

1. As agreed in the Informal Contact Group on Agriculture (PC/IPL/12) and endorsed by the Sub-Committee on Institutional, Procedural and Legal Matters and incorporated into the report of the Preparatory Committee for the WTO;

"... the Secretariat will at the appropriate stage prepare a summary note setting out, for each Member, the implementation dates for each type of commitment as specified in Schedules ...".

2. This note provides the results of the first step of the Secretariat's work in this area. It is a result of an examination of all verified Schedules (as of 1 January 1995). The following table lists the implementation dates in the areas of market access, domestic support and export subsidies as indicated in the respective Schedules.

3. As will be noted, although "1995" is indicated in many cases as the first year of implementation, what is not specified is whether the commitments have been implemented from 1 January 1995. In this connection it will be recalled, in the case of market access commitments (Part I, Section I of Schedules), that paragraph 9 of MTN.GNG/MA/W/25, required the inclusion of following Headnote in Schedules:

"The reductions in tariffs and any expansion of tariff quotas provided for in Section I of Part I of this Schedule shall be implemented in equal annual instalments beginning on [date] and ending on [date] unless otherwise specified in Column 5 of Sections IA or IB of this Schedule."

4. In the case of the commitments limiting subsidization (Part IV of Schedules) the 1995 starting dates for the implementation of commitments, where these have not been specified in Schedules, can generally be derived from the related AGST Supporting Tables. However, for the purpose of listing the specific dates in the Secretariat note, it would be appropriate if the necessary confirmation or information were provided. It may be noted in this regard that whereas specific annual commitment dates are applicable for the export subsidy commitments, in the case of the domestic support commitments there will be cases where the "Total AMS" commitment is in fact a combination of different marketing/calendar years for the constituent basic products concerned. In such cases a reference in the list to the relevant AGST document may be appropriate.

5. Accordingly, for the purposes of the Note to be issued on implementation dates, it is requested that the information on implementation dates necessary to complete the attached listing for each type of commitment as appropriate be submitted to the Secretariat (Agriculture and Commodities Division) by 15 February 1995.

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Schedule	Market access	Domestic support	Export subsidies
Antigua and Barbuda	"...1995..."	--	--
Argentina	"... <i>el momento en que entre en vigor el Acuerdo que establece la OMC...</i> "	--	--
Australia	"...beginning on 1 January 1995..."	"...1995..."	cheese, other milk products, butter and butteroil, skim milk powder: "...July/June..." pears: "...Jan/Dec..."
Austria	"...1995..."	"...1995..."	wheat and wheat flour and coarse grains: "...the marketing year for wheat and wheat flour and coarse grains, except for maize, includes the period: July 1 to June 30; for maize the marketing year includes the period: October 1 to September 30..." butter and butter oil, skim milk powder, cheese and other milk products: "...financial year: from January 1 to December 31..." bovine meat, pigmeat, sheepmeat, live horses, wine, fruit, vegetables: "...calendar year: from January 1 to December 31..."
Bahrain	"...1995..."	--	--
Bangladesh	"...1995..."	--	--
Barbados	"...1995..."	--	--
Belize	"...1995..."	--	--
Benin	"...1995..."	--	--
Bolivia	"...1995..."	--	--
Brazil	"...1995..."	"...1995..."	"...calendar year (CY)..."
Brunei Darussalam	"...1995..."	--	--
Burkina Faso	"...1995..."	--	--
Cameroon	"...1995..."	--	--
Canada	"...beginning in the year 1995..."	"...1995..."	"...August 1 to July 31 crop year for grains and oilseeds and August 1 to July 31 dairy year for dairy products..."
Chile	"... <i>a partir de la fecha de la entrada en vigor del Protocolo de la Ronda Uruguay...</i> "	--	--
Colombia	"... <i>a partir de 1995...</i> "	"...1995..."	"...1995..."
Congo	"...1995..."	--	--
Costa Rica	"...1995..."	"...1995..."	"... <i>el período de 10 años...</i> "
Côte d'Ivoire	"...1995..."	--	--
Cuba	"...1995..."	--	--
Cyprus	"...1995..."	"...1995..."	"...calendar..."
Czech Republic	"...beginning on the date of entry into force of the Agreement Establishing WTO..."	"...1995..."	"...calendar..."
Dominica	"...1995..."	--	--
Dominican Republic	"...1995..."	--	--
Egypt	"...when the WTO Agreement enters into force..."	--	--

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El Salvador	"...a partir del 1-1-95..."	--	--
European Communities	"...beginning on 1 July 1995...However, for products in respect of which comments no. 14 to 37 apply [tomatoes, cucumbers and gherkins, globe artichokes, courgettes, sweet oranges, clementines, mandarins and similar citrus hybrids, lemons, table grapes, apples, pears, apricots, cherries, peaches, plums, grape juice and grape must] the reductions shall be made at the beginning of each marketing year..."	"...1995..."	"Annual outlay commitment levels are to be applied by financial year i.e. the 12 month period from 16 October... For the sugar sector, however, the commitment is to be applied...from 1 July..." "Annual quantity commitment levels are to be applied by marketing year i.e. the 12 month period from 1 July 1995...except for the following sectors...(a) rice and wine: 1 September...(b) olive oil: 1 November...(c) sugar: 1 October..."
Fiji	"...1995..."	--	--
Finland	"...beginning on 1995..."	"...1995..."	"...1995..."
Gabon	"...1995..."	--	--
Ghana	"...1995..."	--	--
Guatemala	"...1995..."	--	--
Guyana	"...1995..."	--	--
Honduras	"...1995..."	--	--
Hong Kong	"...year of entry into force of the UR Agreements (i.e. either 1 Jan. or 1 July 95)..."	--	--
Hungary	"...1995..."	"...1995..."	"...calendar year..."
Iceland	"...beginning in 1995..."	"...calendar year applied..."	"...1.09..."
India	"...beginning 1.3.95 or 1.3.96 (depending on the date on which the agreement establishing the WTO comes in force)..."	--	--
Indonesia	"...1995..."	--	"...1995..."
Israel	"...1995..."	"...1995..."	"...1995..."
Jamaica	"...1995..."	--	--
Japan	"...beginning on 1 April 1995..."	"...based on Japanese fiscal year or marketing years as specified in AGST/JPN for each basic agricultural product..."	--
Kenya	"...1995..."	--	--
Korea	"...beginning in 1995..."	"...1995..."	--
Kuwait	"...1995..."	--	--
Macau	"...1995..."	--	--
Madagascar	"...1 ^{er} juillet 1995..."	--	--
Malaysia	"...1995..."	--	--
Mali	"...1995..."	--	--
Malta	"...date of entry into force of the WTO..."	--	--
Mauritania	"...1995..."	--	--
Mauritius	"...1995..."	--	--
Mexico	"...a partir del 1 de enero de 1995..."	"...1995..."	"...1995..."
Morocco	"...à partir de 1995..."	"...1995..."	--
Myanmar	"...1995..."	--	--

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Namibia	"...beginning in the year 1995..."	--	--
New Zealand	"...beginning in 1995..."	"...June year basis..."	"...year ended June..."
Nicaragua	"...a partir del primero enero de 1995..."	--	--
Niger	"...1995..."	--	--
Nigeria	"...1995..."	--	--
Norway	"...beginning in 1995..."	"...1995..."	"...calendar..."
Pakistan	"...will be implemented with effect from 1 July of the relevant year..."	--	--
Paraguay	"...1994..."	--	--
Peru	"...1995..."	--	--
Philippines	"...tariff cuts equal to 5 percentage points or less shall be implemented on 1 July 1999...10 percentage points...on 1 July 1997 and 1 July 2002...15 percentage points and above...: 1 July 1997, 1999 and 2003..." "...tariff quotas...shall be implemented...beginning 1 July 1995..."	--	--
Poland	"...1995..."	"...1995..."	"...calendar year applied..."
Romania	"...1995..."	--	"...1995..."
Saint Lucia	"...1995..."	--	--
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	"...1995..."	--	--
Senegal	"...1995..."	--	--
Singapore	"...beginning in 1995..."	--	--
Slovak Republic	"...beginning on the date of entry into force of the Agreement Establishing WTO..."	"...1995..."	"...calendar..."
Slovenia	"...beginning in 1995..."	"...1995..."	--
South Africa	"...beginning in the year 1995..."	"...1995..."	"...calendar..."
Sri Lanka	"...1995..."	--	--
Suriname	"...1995..."	--	--
Swaziland	"...beginning in the year 1995..."	--	--
Sweden	"...1995..."	"...July-June..."	"...July/June..."
Switzerland-Lichenstein	"...à partir de l'entrée en vigueur de l'Accord instituant l'OMC; le cas échéant, l'article XIV:2 de cet accord s'appliquera..."	"...199x..."	"...199x..."
Tanzania	"...1995..."	--	--
Thailand	"...1995..."	"...1995..."	--
Trinidad and Tobago	"...beginning on the date of implementation of the Uruguay Round Protocol..."	--	--
Tunisia	"...1995..."	"...1995..."	--
Turkey	"...1995..."	--	"...1.1..."
Uganda	"...1995..."	--	--

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United States	"...beginning on the effective date of this Schedule, except as noted below...": "...goods subject to tariff-rate quotas for which quota periods other than a calendar year are provided...: ...April 1-- [peanuts]...August 1-- [cotton]...September 11-- [cotton]...September 20-- [cotton]...October 1-- [sugar] ¹ "	"...1995..."	"Budgetary outlay commitments will be implemented beginning...with October 1, 1995..." "Quantitative commitments will be implemented beginning...with July 1, 1995"
Uruguay	"...a partir del 1er. día de la entrada en vigor para el Uruguay de los resultados de la Ronda Uruguay..."	--	arroz. "...año comercial..." manteca, tortas de semillas oleaginosas (Pellets de Harina soja). "...año civil..."
Venezuela	"...1995..."	"...1995..."	"...01/01..."
Zambia	"...1995..."	--	--
Zimbabwe	"...1995..."	--	--

-- no specific commitments in Schedules

¹ "...During the time period that begins on the effective date of the schedule and ends on the day preceding the first occurrence of the date listed for each subheading as the first day of its quota period, the quantity of goods that will be entitled to enter at the below tariff-rate quota duty rate shall not be less than the prorated quantity..."