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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 21 August 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **Israel**. The notification concerns new or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction (**Table DS:2**).

Table DS:2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ISRAEL**

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

(1) FULL TITLE OF MEASURE:

Governmental support for volunteers in agriculture in priority areas.

(2) DOMESTIC LEGISLATION REFERENCE:

Decree 668(3/נגב).

(3) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE WITH REFERENCE TO CRITERIA:

The government of Israel allocates budget to support the volunteering in agricultural activities in identified agricultural localities of priority, paid to organized groups of volunteers.

The programme conforms to the general criteria of Paragraph 1 of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture:

- a) The programme is provided through a publicly funded government programme not involving transfers from consumers; and
- b) The programme did not have the effect of providing price support to producers.

In addition, it meets the policy specific criteria of Paragraph 13 of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture:

- a) Eligibility is limited to volunteers assisting producers in disadvantaged regions. Each such region is a clearly designated contiguous geographical area with a definable economic and administrative identity, considered as disadvantaged on the basis of neutral and objective criteria clearly spelt out in law or regulation and indicating that the region's difficulties arise out of more than temporary circumstances.
- b) The amount of payment is not related to the type or volume of production (including livestock units) undertaken by the producer.
- c) The amount of payment is not related to the prices applying to any production.
- d) Payments are available only to volunteers in eligible regions, but generally available to volunteers at farms of all producers within such regions.
- e) Payments are not related to production factors.
- f) The payments are limited to the loss of income involved in undertaking agricultural production in the prescribed area.

(4) COST OF MEASURE:

ILS 20 million from 2022 on.

(5) DATE OF ENTRY INTO EFFECT:

19/11/2021.

(6) PERIOD OF APPLICATION:

2022–2024 (to be renewed).

(7) PRODUCTS TO PRINCIPALLY BENEFIT (IF ANY INDIVIDUAL PRODUCT(S)):

All agricultural produce.