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This document is one in a series which updates the information originally circulated in the MTN/3E/DOC/5 and Addenda series. Details about various subsidies in the field of agriculture are contained in document L/4763/Add.2 of 3 April 1979 while statistics on trade in grains are contained in Finland's Notification Pursuant to Article XVII:4(a) on State trading dated 29 June 1981. For non-tariff measures (NTM) other than those covered by this document please refer to document AG/DOC/1 which provides an overview of the way in which NTM information is organized within the AG/DOC/- series.

I. Meat and processed meats
(CCCN ex 02.01, ex 16.01, ex 16.03)

A. Observations

A system of export restitution is in operation for beef and pork, under which annual average prices to producers are prevented from dropping below fixed floor price levels by payments made by the State.

Reference: MTN/3E/DOC/5/Add.6
L/4763/Add.2

I. B. STATISTICS ON ASSISTED EXPORTS IN RELATION TOTAL EXPORTS
(Meat and prepared meat products)

| CCCN | Products | Year | Exports | | Total amount of export payments | Ratio of non-assisted exports to total export | Ratio of total amount of export payments | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| | | | Total | With direct assistance | | | To total exports | To assist exports |
| | | | (US\$1,000) | | | | (Percentages) | |
| ex 02.01 | Beef and veal | 1980 | 1,414 | 1,414 | 2,087 | | 148 | 148 |
| | | 1981 | 25,110 | 25,110 | 40,722 | | 162 | 162 |
| ex 02.01 | Pigmeat | 1980 | 22,192 | 22,192 | 28,582 | | 129 | 129 |
| | | 1981 | 34,747 | 34,747 | 43,320 | | 125 | 125 |
| ex 16.01 ex 16.03 | Sausages and meat extracts | 1980 | | | | | | |
| | | 1981 | | | | | | |
| | Total of products listed above | 1980 | 23,606 | 23,606 | 30,669 | | | 129 |
| | | 1981 | 59,857 | 59,857 | 84,042 | | | 140 |

II. Dairy products

(ex 04.02, 04.03, 04.04, ex 04.05)

A. Observations

A system of export restitution is in operation for dairy products, under which export dairies receive from the State a refund which enables them to pay the farmers a price almost corresponding to the target price of milk agreed upon between the Government and agricultural producers. For eggs (ex 04.05) the system of export restitution is similar to that for meat and processed meat products (see page 2).

Reference: MTN/3E/DOC/5/Add.6
L/4763/Add.2

II. B. STATISTICS ON ASSISTED EXPORTS IN RELATION TO TOTAL EXPORTS

(Dairy Products)

| CCCN | Products | Years | Exports | | | Total amount of export payments | Ratio of non-assisted exports to total exports | Ratio of total amount of export payments | |
|----------|--------------------------------|-------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| | | | Total | With direct assistance | Non-commercial transactions | | | To total exports | To assisted exports |
| | | | | (US\$1,000) | | | | (Percentage) | |
| ex 04.02 | Whole milk powder | 1980 | 31,959 | 31,959 | | 82,725 | | 259 | 259 |
| | | 1981 | 37,916 | 37,916 | | 64,115 | | 169 | 169 |
| 04.03 | Butter | 1980 | 16,088 | 16,088 | | 45,577 | | 283 | 283 |
| | | 1981 | 31,581 | 31,581 | | 55,381 | | 175 | 175 |
| 04.04 | Cheese | 1980 | | 72,820 | | 111,266 | | | 153 |
| | | 1981 | | | 69,377 | | 103,024 | | 148 |
| ex 04.05 | Eggs | 1980 | 20,312 | 20,312 | | 40,231 | | 198 | 198 |
| | | 1981 | 22,985 | 22,985 | | 38,303 | | 167 | 167 |
| | Total of products listed above | 1980 | | 141,179 | | 279,799 | | | 198 |
| | | 1981 | | | 161,859 | | 260,823 | | 161 |

III. Grains
(10.01, 10.03, 10.04)

A. Observations

The Finnish State Granary has the monopoly of grains (wheat, barley, rye, oats) and is responsible for maintaining a given level of reserve stocks with a view to stabilizing the domestic price level. Under the new legislation introduced on 1 January 1981 the State Granary is obliged to create during 1981-87 reserve stocks from domestic production amounting to 900,000 tons, of which 400,000 tons bread grains (wheat and rye), 400,000 tons feed grains and 100,000 tons seed grains.

Exports of grains, according to the new legislation, are permitted only after the statutory reserve requirements have been met. As the domestic price level usually exceeds the world market price level, the Government undertakes to subsidize exports with the help of budgetary resources. In the last few years, however, Finland has not exported any grains and, therefore, no subsidies have been given on this account.

Reference: AG/DOC/2/FIN/1
L/4763/Add.2
L/5104/Add.9

III. B. STATISTICS ON ASSISTED EXPORTS IN RELATION TO TOTAL EXPORTS
(Grains)

| CCCN | Products | Year | Exports | | Total amount of export payments | Ratio of non-assisted exports to total export | Ratio of total amount of export payments | |
|-------|----------|------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| | | | Total | With direct assistance | | | To total exports | To assist exports |
| | | | (US\$1,000) | | | | (Percentages) | |
| 10.01 | Wheat | 1980 | - | - | - | | | |
| | | 1981 | - | - | - | | | |
| 10.03 | Barley | 1980 | - | - | - | | | |
| | | 1981 | - | - | - | | | |
| 10.04 | Oats | 1980 | - | - | - | | | |
| | | 1981 | - | - | - | | | |