

1 ANNEX 2 OF THE AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE

1.1 Text of Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Annex 2

Government Service Programmes

2. General services

Policies in this category involve expenditures (or revenue foregone) in relation to programmes which provide services or benefits to agriculture or the rural community. They

Expenditures (or revenue foregone) in relation to the accumulation and holding of stocks of products which form an integral part of a food security programme identified in national legislation. This may include government aid to private storage of products as part of such a programme.

The volume and accumulation of such stocks shall correspond to predetermined targets related solely to food security. The process of stock accumulation and disposal shall be financially transparent. Food purchases by the government shall be made at current market prices and sales from food security stocks shall be made at no less than the current domestic market price for the product and quality in question.

1.2 Bali Ministerial Decisions on General Services and on Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes

1. At the Ninth Ministerial Conference in Bali in December 2013, Ministers agreed on an agricultural package containing two Ministerial Decisions on Domestic Support.

2. Members agreed not to challenge breaches of domestic support commitments by developing country Members resulting from their public stockholding programmes for food security purposes that existed at the time and involved food purchases at administered prices provided that certain conditions were met.¹ In November 2014, the General Council clarified that this protection against legal action under the Agreement on Agriculture would remain in force until Members were to agree upon and adopted a permanent solution.²

3. Ministers also agreed to expand the Green Box list of "general services" in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

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