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Domestic Support and Export Subsidies in the Agricultural Sector

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DOMESTIC SUPPORT: LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
REPORTING PERIOD: Fiscal years¹ 2001 - 2003

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment – "Green Box"

Measure type	Description of the measure	Monetary value of measure		Data sources	
		(Unit - US\$)	(Unit - Kip)		
1	2	3		4	
1. General services					
(a) Research	National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute research on all aspects of agriculture development and production, in accordance with Annex II:2(a) of the Agreement on Agriculture.	2001 ²	221,137	1,961,706,327	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
		2002	1,056,881	10,627,995,336	

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Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - "Development Programmes" (Article 6.2)

Measure type	Description of the measure	Monetary value of measure			Data sources
		(Unit - US\$)	(Unit - Kip)		
1	2	3			4
(a) Investment subsidies generally available to agriculture and input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers	Investment and operating credit at lower than normal market interest rates generally available to farmers and groups of farmers to promote agriculture production, in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.	2001:	N/A	N/A	Ministry of Finance, Agriculture Promotion Bank, and Bank of Lao PDR
		2002:	1,530,158	15,387,268,848	
		2003:	1,447,166	15,293,650,288	
		Average:	1,488,662	15,340,459,568	
(b) Input subsidies generally available to low-income or resource-poor producers	Lower than normal market electricity rates for farmers in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.	2001:	158,610	1,407,029,310	Ministry of Industry and Handicraft and Electricity du Laos
		2002:	138,018	1,387,909,008	
		2003:	146,470	1,547,894,960	
		Average:	147,699	1,447,611,092	

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Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Direct Payments under Production-Limiting Programmes - "Exempt Direct Payments"

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6.5 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Year	Monetary value of measure	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5
NIL				

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Calculation of the Total Aggregate Measurement of Support

Description of basic products (including non-product specific AMS)	Products-specific AMS from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7	Product-specific measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8)	Current Total AMS (aggregate)
1	2	3	4
Product-specific AMS	NIL	NIL	NIL
Non-product-specific AMS			<i>de minimis</i>

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Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support

Description of basic products 1	Fiscal year 2	Measure type(s) 3	Applied administered price 4		External reference price 5	Eligible production 6	Associated fees/Levies 7	Total market price support 8	Data sources 9
			US\$/MT	Kip/MT	US\$/MT	MT		{{(4-5)x6}-7	
Rice	2001	Minimum farm gate price	169.09 ³	1,499,997	260	1,403,968 ⁴		NIL	Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and University of Arkansas. FOB price for low quality rice in Thailand.
	2002		149.16	1,499,953	261	1,498,230		NIL	
	2003		141.94	1,500,022	267	1,472,562		NIL	

³ 1,500 kip/kg converted at the following exchange rates: 2001=8,871 kip/US\$; 2002=10,056 kip/US\$; 2003=10,568 kip/US\$.

⁴ Total value in US\$ of rice production 2001: 321.3 million; 2002: 324.5 million; 2003: 308.7 million.

Total value in US\$ of agricultural production: 2001: 821.4 million; 2002: 832.8 million; 2003: 805.8 million.

Note: Internal market prices remained above the minimum farm gate price throughout the base period.

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Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments

Description of basic products	Period/year	Measure type (s)	Applied administered price	External reference price	Eligible production	Total price related direct payments	Other non-exempt direct payments	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4-5)x6	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11

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Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS

Description of basic products	Period/year	Measure type (s)	Other product specific budgetary outlays	Other product specific support	Associated fees/levies	Total other product specific support	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5)	Non-Exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6)	Total AMS	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4-5)x6	8	9	10 (7+8-9)	11
NIL										

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Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support

Description of basic products	Period or year	Measure type (s)	Applied administered price	Production eligible to receive the applied administered price	Market price support budgetary outlay	Equivalent measurement of support (include calculation details)	Non-exempt direct payment	Other product specific support	Associated fees and levies	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NIL											

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Non-Product-Specific AMS

Measure types	Year or period	Non-product-
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