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The WTO's Agriculture Agreement was negotiated in the 1986-94 Uruguay Round and is a significant first step towards fairer competition and a less distorted sector. It includes specific commitments by WTO member governments to improve market access and reduce trade-distorting subsidies in agriculture. In general, these commitments were phased in over a six year period (10 years for developing countries) that began in 1995.

Overseeing the agreement's implementation is the [Agriculture Committee](#).

Meanwhile, members agreed to initiate negotiations for continuing the reform process one year before the end of the implementation period, i.e. by the end of 1999. These talks, which are separate from the committee's regular work, began in 2000 and were incorporated into the broader negotiating agenda set at the 2001 Ministerial Conference in Doha, Qatar.

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Members' commitments



WTO negotiations produce general rules that apply to all Members, and specific commitments made by individual Member governments. The specific commitments are listed in documents called "schedules of concessions", which reflect specific tariff concessions and other commitments that they have given in the context of trade negotiations, such as the Uruguay Round. For trade in goods in general, these usually consist of maximum tariff levels which are often referred to as "bound tariffs" or "bindings" (GATT Article II). In the case of agricultural products, these concessions and commitments also relate to tariff rate quotas, limits on export subsidies, and some kinds of domestic support. All WTO Members have a schedule of concessions which is either annexed to the Marrakesh Protocol to the GATT 1994 or to a Protocol of Accession. The content of the schedules change over time to take account of different modifications, such as GATT Article XXVIII negotiations or rectification procedures. This is the reason why determining a Member's concession for a specific tariff line could involve, in some cases, examining several different legal instruments.

> **Current situation of Schedules of WTO Members**
A table giving links to each Member's original schedule and any modifications

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Current Situation of Schedules of WTO Members⁽¹⁾



It was agreed at the Market Access Committee meeting of 22 June 1999 that Annex II of document [G/MA/63](#), setting out the situation of schedules of WTO Members, would be updated periodically.⁽²⁾ In this connection, the attached table is an update of the status of Members' schedules incorporating information up to 17 March 2009. The introductory text contained in Annex II of the original Document [G/MA/63](#) has been updated to take into account developments since the last revision.

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All WTO Members have a schedule of tariff concessions which is either annexed to the Marrakesh Protocol to the GATT 1994 or to a Protocol of Accession. Some Members have also schedules pre-dating the Uruguay Round which reflect concessions granted previously.⁽³⁾

The attached table reflecting the current situation of schedules of WTO Members has been prepared for information purposes in order to assist, inter alia, the project team in the Secretariat updating the CTS files into HS2002⁽⁴⁾ and into HS2007.⁽⁵⁾ The pending work on the schedules of concessions derives from obligations related to the introduction of the Harmonized System and its subsequent amendments, the results of the Uruguay Round, technical modifications or rectifications to the schedules, as well as renegotiations under GATT Article XXVIII. Some background information on these issues has been provided for ease of reference.

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Albania /b	CXLVI (146)	None	Goods schedule annexed to Protocol of Accession (08.09.2000) (WT/Let/347 + WT/Let/353 + WT/Let/358)	Accession schedule in HS96.	The General Council waived, subject to conditions, the binding commitments on a list of tariff items (WT/Let/610)		Bound tariffs at HS 6 Latest available MFN applied tariffs at HS 6 Historical applied tariffs at HS 6 (large file) Tariff profile National info Bound tariffs at HS 6 Latest available MFN applied tariffs at HS 6
Angola /b	CXXIX (129)	None	Goods schedule annexed to Marrakesh Protocol	Commitments were transposed by the Secretariat into HS96 and included in the Member's CTS file. The Committee on Market Access is currently looking at how to give legal effect to these			

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0101.19.00	Other horses	20.0			0.0		1995-2004			
0101.20.00	Asses, mules and humans	20.0			0.0					
0102	Live bovine animals:						1995-2004			
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0103	Live swine:									
0103.10.00	Pure bred breeding swine	10.0			0.0		1995-2004			
0103.91.00	Weighing less than 50 kg	100.0			85.0		1995-2004			
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0104	Live sheep and goats:									
0104.10.00	Sheep:									
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0104.10.90	Other	200.0			170.0		1995-2004			
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Milk and cream concentrated powder granules of fat contents exceeding 1.5%	0402.20.00	50	215	100	215	1995 - 2000		Maintenance of existing import restrictions
Processed cheese	0406.30.006	34	150	68	150	1995 - 2000		Maintenance of existing import restrictions
Other cheeses	0406.90.00	540	250	1080	250	1995 - 2000		Maintenance of existing import restrictions
Prunes	0813.20.00	600	10	600	10	1995 - 2004		Allocated as follows: USA 600 tons under FTA agreement
Walnuts	0802.30.00	100	22-0802.31.00 24-0802.32.00	170	18-0802.31.00 20-0802.32.00	1995 - 2004		
Wheat and meslin	1001	450000	100	450000	85	1995 - 2004	US	
Edible fats and oils	1516.11.100	450	0.8 \$/kg but not less than 12%	750	0.8 \$/kg but not less than 12%	1995 - 2004		

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SECTION I - Domestic Support: Total AMS Commitments

BASE TOTAL AMS	Years of implementation 1995 - 2004	Annual and final bound commitment levels	Relevant Supporting Tables and document reference
1		2	3
654,000	1995	645490	AGSTMSR: Supporting Tables 1, 2, 3
	1996	636996	
	1997	628494	
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Description of products and tariff item no. (HS 6 digits)	Base outlay level 1000 \$	Calendar/other year applied	Years of implementation 1995 - 2004	Annual and final outlay commitment levels 1000 \$	Base quantity 1000 TON	Calendar/other year applied	Years of implementation 1995 - 2004	Annual and final quantity commitment levels 1000 TON	Relevant Supporting Tables and document reference
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0603 1000 Flowers fresh	12054	1986-1991	1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004	11764.000 11475.000 11186.000 10897.000 10607.000 10318.000 10028.000 9739.000 9450.000 9161.000	794 *	1986-1991	1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004	783.000 * 772.000 761.000 750.000 739.000 727.000 716.000 705.000 694.000 683.000	AGST/ISR
0803, 0804, 0806, 0807, 0808, 0809, 0810 Fruits other than citrus fruits	5720	1986-1991	1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004	5382.000 5445.000 5308.000 5171.000 5033.000 4896.000 4759.000 4622.000 4484.000 4347.000	55.4	1986-1991	1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004	54.600 53.800 53.100 52.200 51.500 50.700 49.900 49.200 48.400 47.600	AGST/ISR
0701 - 0709 Vegetables, fresh	9248	1986-1991	1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000	9026.000 8804.000 8382.000 8360.000 3138.000 7916.000	91.9	1986-1991	1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000	90.600 89.300 88.000 86.700 85.500 84.200	AGST/ISR

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(Article 3 of the Agreement on Agriculture)
SECTION III: Commitments Limiting the Scope of Export Subsidies

Description of products	Nature of Commitments
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The Government of Japan undertakes not to introduce the export subsidies listed in paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the Agreement on Agriculture.	

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SCHEDULE V - CANADA
ANNEX I
SECTION II: Export Subsidies: Budgetary Outlay and Quantity Reduction Commitments

Product Description

(i)	Wheat and Wheat Flour include the following:
1001.10	Durum wheat
1001.90	Other wheat and meslin
1101.00	Wheat or meslin flour
1108.11	Wheat starches
1109.00	Wheat gluten, whether or not dried
(ii)	Coarse Grains include the following:
1002.00	Rye
1003.00	Barley
1004.00	Oats
1005.10	Maize (corn) - seed
1005.90	Maize (corn) - other
1008.10	Buckwheat
1008.20	Millet
1008.30	Canary seed
1008.90	Other cereals
1102.10	Rye flour
1102.20	Maize (corn) flour
1102.90	Flour of other cereals
1103.11	Groats and meal of wheat
1103.12	Groats and meal of oats
1103.13	Groats and meal of maize (corn)
1103.19	Groats and meal of other cereals
1103.21	Pellets of wheat
1103.29	Pellets of other cereals
1104.11	Rolled or flaked grains of barley
1104.12	Rolled or flaked grains of oats
1104.19	Rolled or flaked grains of other cereals
1104.21	Other worked grains (e.g. hulled, pearled) of barley
1104.22	Other worked grains (e.g. hulled, pearled) of oats
1104.23	Other worked grains (e.g. hulled, pearled) of maize (corn)
1104.29	Other worked grains (e.g. hulled, pearled) of other cereals
1104.30	Germ of cereals, whole, rolled flaked or ground
1107.10	Malt, not roasted
1107.20	Malt, roasted
1108.12	Maize (corn) starch
1108.19	Other starches
1209.21	Lucerne (alfalfa) seed

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS : LIST OF COMMITMENTS

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: AUSTRALIA

Measures exempt from the Reduction Commitments

Measure name	Measure Type	Description (including ref to criteria where appropriate)	Monetary value of measure	Data sources	Comments
1	2	3	4	5	6
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT			\$A '000	(a) = Industries Commission Annual Report 1990/91 (b) = Department of Primary Industries And Energy Annual Report 1990/91 (c) = Commonwealth Government Budget Statements 1990/91 - Budget Paper No. 1	15 G/AGST/AUS Page 5
Australian Animal Health Laboratory	Pest & disease Control	Diagnosis of exotic animal diseases	10,707	(a) p. 185 (b) pp. 193, 247 & 390 (c) p. 3.319	
Bovine Brucellosis & Tuberculosis Eradication	Pest & Disease Control	Disease eradication and detection	11,054	(a) p. 185 (b) p. 29, 34 & 360 (c) p. 3.231	
CSIRO Institute of Animal Production and Processing	Research		69,000	(a) p. 185 (c) p. 3.318	
Exotic Disease Preparedness Programs	Pest & Disease Control	Training & programs to control exotic disease outbreaks	1,384	(a) p. 185 (b) pp. 310, 311 & 360	
Chicken Meat Research	Research		514	(a) p. 185 (b) p. 359	
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS : LIST OF COMMITMENTS

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: AUSTRALIA

Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support

Description of Basic Products	Measure Type(s)	Applied Administered Price	External Reference Price	Eligible Production	Associated fees/levies	Total market Price support	Data Sources and Comments
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ((3-4)*5)-6	8 & 9
Wheat	Administered prices for domestic sales of wheat for human consumption.		\$/t	'000 tonnes		\$ mn	Data source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Commodity Statistical Bulletin 1991 (Canberra: November 1991), pages 70-72: Table 87 for the administered price; Table 85 for the reference price; (the fob unit value of exports); Table 86 for eligible production (domestic sales of each class of wheat).
	1986 a	188.92	147.15	1,210	0	50.54	
	1987 b	193.46	144.98	1,343	0	65.11	
	1988 c	221.07	202.34	1,145	0	21.45	
	AVERAGE d	201.15	164.82	1,233	0	44.78	
	Administered prices for domestic sales of wheat for industrial uses.						
	1986 a	164.96	147.15	318	0	5.66	
	1987 b	185.42	144.98	307	0	12.42	
	1988 c	217.30	202.34	345	0	5.16	
	AVERAGE d	189.23	164.82	323	0	7.89	
	Administered prices for domestic sales of wheat for stock feed.						
	1986 a	170.12	147.15	73	0	1.68	
	1987 b	189.54	144.98	65	0	2.90	
	1988 c	221.84	202.34	202	0	3.94	
	AVERAGE d	193.83	164.82	113	0	3.29	
	TOTAL AVERAGE					55.96	

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Addendum

The following list of "significant exporters" that are required annually to submit data on their total exports in the form of Table ES:2 has been established by the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture in accordance with paragraph (iii) of the notification requirements in respect of export subsidy commitments (G/AG/2, page 24 refers):

<u>Product Group</u>	<u>Significant Exporters</u>
Wheat and wheat flour	Australia
Coarse grains	Argentina

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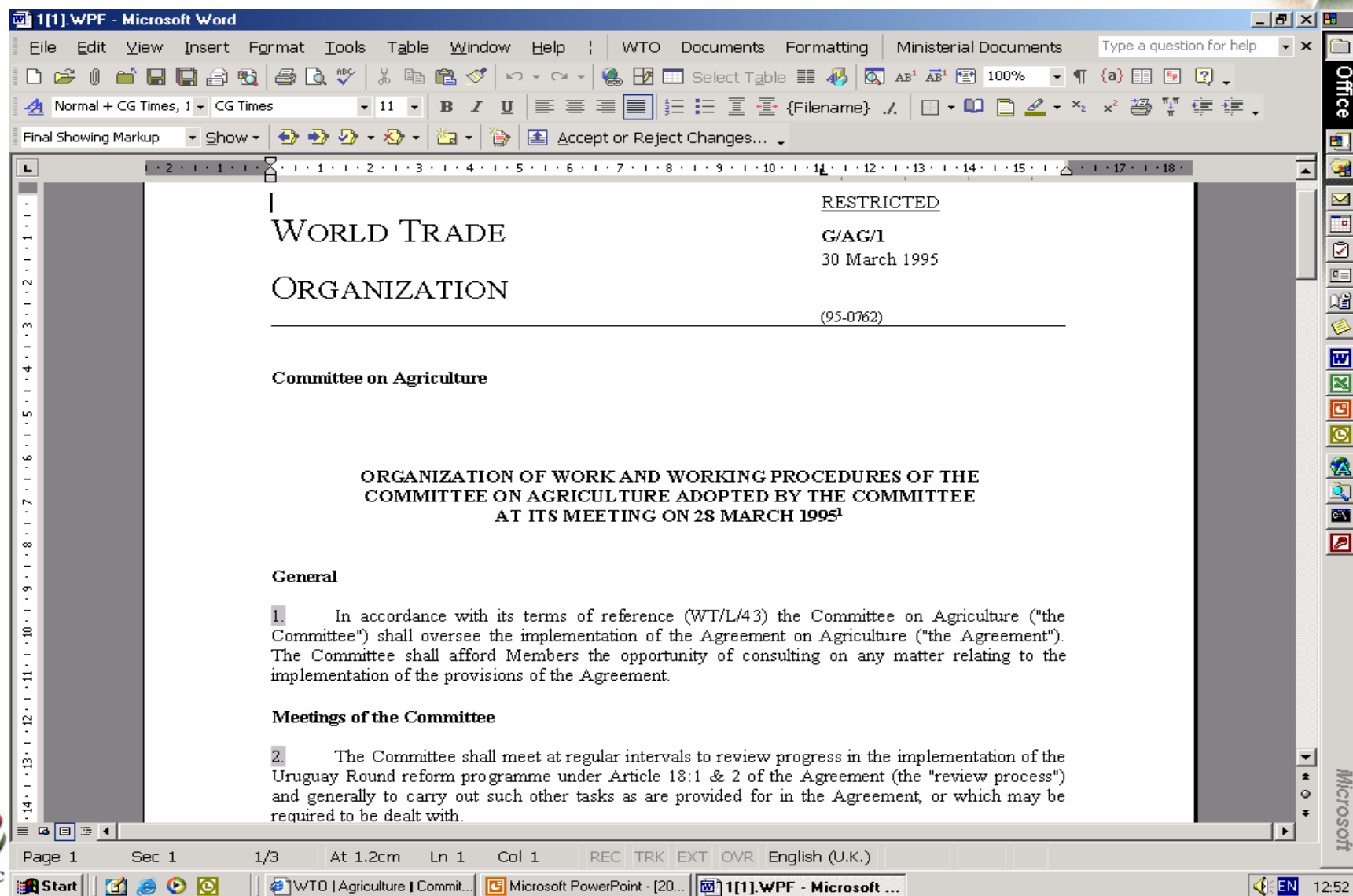
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- Section A - outstanding notifications for the 1995-2003 implementation years.
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WTO technical assistance and training

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