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NOTIFICATION

The attached notification concerning new or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction (**Table DS.2**) was received from the delegation of **Guatemala** on 23 June 2003.

Table DS.2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Guatemala

*Notification under Article 18.3 of the Agreement:
New or Modified Domestic Support Measures Exempt from Reduction*

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- (1) **Full title of the measure:** Relief from natural disasters in several areas of national territory in the wake of Hurricane Mitch.
- (2) **Domestic legislation reference:** Government Decree No. 1-98
Government Decree No. 3-98
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
- Annex 2, Paragraph 2, other, given that these expenditures do not involve direct payments to producers or processors. This measure meets the basic criteria set out in Paragraph 1 of Annex 2 to the Agreement on Agriculture.
- Article 3 of the Government Decree establishes that:
- "During the period in which the state of public disaster to which this Decree refers is in force, the following measures are hereby enacted:
- (a) Centralize all private- and State-owned utilities under the control of the National Coordinator for the Reduction of Natural or Man-made Disasters (CONRED), as and when the situation requires;
 - (b) Establish sanitary cordons, change or maintain people's places of residence, restrict traffic circulation and prevent people from entering the affected areas, when circumstances so require;
 - (c) Require individuals to provide the assistance and cooperation critical to ensuring better control of the affected area;
 - (d) Provide for the immediate evacuation of the inhabitants of the affected areas;
 - (e) Order the civil and military authorities to take all necessary measures to protect people and property."
- (4) **Cost of the measure:** US\$5,020.27
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 31 October 1998 and 26 November 1998, respectively.
- (6) **Period of application:** Indefinite.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product):** The agricultural sector and livestock sector in general.
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