

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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**Committee on Agriculture**

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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 **Israel** on 3 October 2000.

Table DS:2

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: ISRAEL**

*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 measure:**

Payment for meat of poultry producers in the Galilee area.

**(2) Domestic legislation reference:**

Galilee law of 1981 and an agreement between the Government of Israel and the Poultry board from January 2000.

**(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**

The government of Israel established a payment program for producers of meat of poultry in the Galilee area who had production capabilities.

The aim of the new program is to replace the support given to eligible farmers under the "Galilee law" parameters while eliminating the linkage with production.

Payment according to the program is based on the historical quota given under the "Galilee law" to meat of poultry producers.

The programme conforms to the general criteria of Paragraph 1 of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture:

- (a) The programme is provided through a publicly funded government programme not involving transfers from consumers; and
- (b) The programme did not have the effect of providing price support to producers.

In addition, it meets the policy specific criteria of Paragraph 6 of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture:

- (c) The eligibility for payment is based on the status recognized in 1998 by the Government of Israel as a meat of poultry producer
- (d) The payment is not based on the type or volume of production in any year after the base period.
- (e) Payment is based on the status as a poultry producer and no production is required in order to receive payments.

**(4) Cost of measure:**

Yearly payment of about 31,160 million NIS.

**(5) Date of entry into effect:**

The programme started in March 1998, but only in 2000 became a fully operational program.

**(6) Period of application:**

On going.

**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

Meat of poultry.

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**(1) Full title of measure:**

Compensation for cut in water supply.

**(2) Domestic legislation:**

Government decision number 5038 dated 5th of May 1999 and Council of Ministers decision CL/13 date 21st December 2000.

**(3) Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**

The purpose for the decision is to compensate farmers for the loss of income due to the loss of production capabilities as a result of water shortage.

Eligible farmers are to be compensating for losses suffered in their 1999-2000 crops due to water supply restrictions. Payment is based on loss exceeding 30% of the 1996 – 1998 average yield.

The program meets the criteria of paragraph 8 of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture – Payment for relief from natural disaster.

**(4) Cost of measure:**

160 million NIS

**(5) Date of entry into effect:**

September 2000

**(6) Period of application:**

Period remain in effect as long as water cuts are applied.

**(7) Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s) ):**

All crops.

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