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EU Export Subsidies for Fruit and Vegetables

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Report Highlights:

EU export subsidies for fruit and vegetables & EU fruit and vegetables budget for financial year 2000

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EU Export Subsidies for Fruit & Vegetables

Export subsidies are bound in the WTO as an aggregate commitment for the product group "fresh fruit and vegetables" and the product group "processed fruit and vegetables". The "fresh fruit and vegetables" group consists of 11 specified products: tomatoes, shelled almonds, hazelnuts or filberts, walnuts, oranges, mandarins, clementines, lemons & limes, table grapes, apples and peaches & nectarines.

WTO notifications of EU subsidized exports				
	Marketing Year 1998/1999		Marketing Year 1997/1998	
	Million ECU	Quantity (000 MT)	Million ECU	Quantity (000 MT)
Fresh Fruit & Vegetables	31.6	763	26	837.4
Processed Fruit & Vegetables	4.5	87.1	5.7	98.5

Detailed rules for the application of the system of export refunds on fruit and vegetables are laid down in Commission Regulation 2190/96, as amended. Export refunds are granted on the basis of export licences which may be issued under three systems:

system A1: standard system with advance fixing of the refund

system A2: special system with advance fixing of the refund

system B: system without advance fixing of the refund

The maximum amount of export refunds on fruit and vegetables, entering into force on March 10, 2000 (Commission regulation 470/2000) are as follows:

Product	Destination or Destination group (1)	System - Application periods					
		A1 3/10 to 5/9/2000		A2 3/13 to 3/15/2000		B 3/17 to 5/16/2000	
		Refund rate (EUR/MT net weight)	Scheduled quantity (MT)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/MT net weight)	Scheduled quantity (MT)	Indicative refund rate (EUR/MT net weight)	Scheduled quantity (MT)
Tomatoes	A00	20		20	6,559	20	11,134
Shelled almonds	A00	50	405			50	405
Hazelnuts in shell	A00	59	12				
Shelled hazelnuts	A00	114	721			114	721
Walnuts in shell	A00	73	7				
Oranges	A00	50		50	28,870	50	52,427
Lemons	A00	45		45	16,772	45	14,450
Apples	F07	40		40	6,159	40	3,636

(1) A00: all destinations

F07: Norway, Iceland, Greenland, Faeroes, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro), Malta, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, destinations referred to in art. 36 of Commission Regulation 800/1999, African countries and territories except South Africa, countries of the Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al Qalwain, Ras al Khaimah, Fujairah), Kuwait, Yemen), Syria, Iran, Jordan, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Panama, Ecuador and Colombia.

EU Fruit and Vegetables Budget

EAGGF Guarantee Section - EU Budget Financial Year 2000 (Official Journal L40 - 2/14/2000)

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (million Euro)			
	Appropriations 2000	Appropriations 1999	Actual 1998
Export refunds	40	55	41
Compensation for withdrawals and buying in	165	148	138
Operational fund for producer organizations	303	261	239
Specific measures for hazelnut producers	12	11	3
Measures to improve production	-	36	67
Nuts	89	86	110
Bananas	264	241	208
Other intervention	20	30	34
Total	893	868	841

Processed Fruit and Vegetables (million Euro)			
	Appropriations 2000	Appropriations 1999	Actual 1998
Export refunds	12	10	18
Production aid for processed tomato products	269	317	328
Production aid for fruit-based products	97	98	87
Production aid and intervention for processed dried grape products	131	134	115
Production aid for tinned pineapple	8	8	6
Compensation to encourage processing of citrus fruits	238	189	113

Production aid for processed raspberries	1	1	0.3
Specific measures	6	6	3
Other intervention	-	-	
Total	762	763	670