

SDG indicator metadata

(Harmonized metadata template - format version 1.1)

0. Indicator information (SDG_INDICATOR_INFO)

0.a. Goal (SDG_GOAL)

Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

0.b. Target (SDG_TARGET)

Target 2.b: Correct and prevent trade restrictions and distortions in world agricultural markets, including through the parallel elimination of all forms of agricultural export subsidies and all export measures with equivalent effect, in accordance with the mandate of the Doha Development Round

0.c. Indicator (SDG_INDICATOR)

Indicator 2.b.1: Agricultural export subsidies

0.d. Series (SDG_SERIES_DESCR)

AG_PRD_XSUBDY - Agricultural export subsidies [2.b.1]

0.e. Metadata update (META_LAST_UPDATE)

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0.f. Related indicators (SDG_RELATED_INDICATORS)

Targets 17.10 and 17.11

0.g. International organisations(s) responsible for global monitoring

(SDG_CUSTODIAN_AGENCIES)

The World Trade Organization (WTO)

1. Data reporter (CONTACT)

1.a. Organisation (CONTACT_ORGANISATION)

The World Trade Organization (WTO)

2. Definition, concepts, and classifications (IND_DEF_CON_CLASS)

2.a. Definition and concepts (STAT_CONC_DEF)

Definition:

Agricultural export subsidies are defined as export subsidies budgetary outlays and quantities as notified by WTO Members in Tables ES:1 and supporting Tables ES:2 (following templates in document G/AG/2 dated 30 June 1995).

Data cover:

- Notifications by WTO Members with export subsidy reduction commitments included in part IV of their Schedules;
- Notifications of export subsidies applied by developing WTO country Members pursuant to the provisions of article 9.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

Notifications by WTO Members indicating the absence of use of export subsidies are not included in the indicator series. The dataset therefore does not differentiate between WTO Members not having provided the notifications on export subsidies and WTO Members having notified the absence of use of such export subsidies.

Budgetary outlays and quantities are expressed in a currency (national or other) and in quantity units as per Member's notification practices. For Members with export subsidy reduction commitments included in part IV of their Schedules, the currency used in the notifications is similar to the one used in the Schedules.

Data are available by country and by products or groups of products, according to Members' schedules for Members with export subsidy reduction commitments included in part IV of their Schedules and according to Member's notification practices in the case of developing country Members using export subsidies under the provisions of article 9.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture."

2.b. Unit of measure (UNIT_MEASURE)

Millions of current United States dollars

2.c. Classifications (CLASS_SYSTEM)

3. Data source type and data collection method (SRC_TYPE_COLL_METHOD)

3.a. Data sources (SOURCE_TYPE)

The sources of data are WTO Members' notifications in their Table ES:1 and supporting table ES:2 notifications, pursuant to the notification requirements and formats adopted by the WTO Committee on Agriculture and contained in document G/AG/2.

3.b. Data collection method (COLL_METHOD)

Data are received by the WTO through WTO members' notifications. Data collection methods at the national level are not known by the WTO

3.c. Data collection calendar (FREQ_COLL)

Data are collected as they are received through WTO Members' notification submissions. All WTO Members are required to provide annual notifications on their use of export subsidies, which are to be submitted no later than 120 days or 30 days (see WTO document G/AG/2 for detailed rules) following the end of the year in question.

3.d. Data release calendar (REL_CAL_POLICY)

Cf. above

3.e. Data providers (DATA_SOURCE)

WTO Members

The WTO is receiving WTO Members notifications and compiling the information contained in these notifications to report on this indicator.

3.f. Data compilers (COMPILING_ORG)

Information on institutions producing the data at national level not available at the WTO

3.g. Institutional mandate (INST_MANDATE)

WTO Agreement on Agriculture and WTO Decision G/AG/2

4. Other methodological considerations (OTHER_METHOD)

4.a. Rationale (RATIONALE)

The purpose of this indicator is to give detailed information on the level of export subsidies applied annually per product or group of products, as notified by WTO Members.

4.b. Comment and limitations (REC_USE_LIM)

The quality of the indicator depends on WTO Members' timeliness and accuracy of their notifications.

4.c. Method of computation (DATA_COMP)

The country level data come directly from Members' notifications to the WTO and are not subject to any computation by the WTO. Each WTO Member collects data following his own national practice to prepare his notification.

4.d. Validation (DATA_VALIDATION)

Not applicable

4.e. Adjustments (ADJUSTMENT)

Not applicable

4.f. Treatment of missing values (i) at country level and (ii) at regional level (IMPUTATION)

- **At country level**

Values are missing when a WTO Member has not submitted their notification. Missing values cannot be estimated.

- **At regional and global levels**

Not applicable

4.g. Regional aggregations (REG_AGG)

The WTO does not calculate regional aggregates.

An overall global indicator measuring the total annual applied export subsidies budgetary outlays is calculated by summing all the available data after having converted them into a single currency (US\$).

4.h. Methods and guidance available to countries for the compilation of the data at the national level (DOC_METHOD)

Detailed guidelines available to countries to fill-in their notifications can be found in https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/ag_notif_e.pdf

4.i. Quality management (QUALITY_MGMNT)

Agriculture information management tool to permit on-line notification by WTO Members and facilitate retrieval of notifications. Available on <https://agims.wto.org/>

4.j Quality assurance (QUALITY_ASSURE)

Not applicable

4.k Quality assessment (QUALITY_ASSMNT)

Not applicable

5. Data availability and disaggregation (COVERAGE)

Data availability:

Data are available on a WTO Member country by country basis, based on WTO Members' notifications.

Contrary to the information for Members with export subsidy reduction commitments that is available for all notified years, information for developing country Members using export subsidies, pursuant to the provisions of article 9.4 of the Agreement on Agriculture is available only for the years during which these export subsidies were used.

The WTO Secretariat closely monitors Members' compliance with their notification requirements, including on export subsidies.

The table listing the notifications on export subsidies received from WTO Members can be found under section 2.4 in the WTO document series [G/AG/GEN/86](#) .

Time series:

Since 1995

Disaggregation:

The indicator gives country and product based information on the level of applied export subsidies, both in terms of budgetary outlays and quantities.

6. Comparability / deviation from international standards (COMPARABILITY)

Sources of discrepancies:

The WTO does not estimate data. Only data contained in WTO Members' notifications are used. Therefore, there is no difference between country produced data and data available at the WTO.

7. References and Documentation (OTHER_DOC)

URL:

www.wto.org

References:

https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/transparency_toolkit_e.htm