

**Committee on Agriculture  
Special Session**

**NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF ELEMENTS IN THE DRAFT MODALITIES TEXT  
(TN/AG/W/4/REV.4) THAT NEED TO BE SCHEDULED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH FINAL AGREED MODALITIES**

Communication by the Cairns Group

The following communication, dated 25 September 2009, is being circulated at the request of the Cairns Group.

1. The present communication is being circulated in order to contribute to the ongoing discussion on data and templates that, once modalities are agreed, will facilitate the verification and scheduling processes and does not prejudge either the Cairns Group or its individual Members' negotiating positions on any of the issues listed below or included in the Doha Mandate.

2. The Cairns Group notes that Uruguay's recent JOB(09)/99 proposed that a first step in these discussions was to identify the elements in the draft modalities that need to be scheduled. The following provides a non-exhaustive list of these elements, as it is possible that Members will decide that additional elements of the modalities need to be scheduled. The scheduling of these elements must, of course, be fully consistent with the treatment (e.g. the eliminations, reductions or quota expansions) required by the modalities.

<b>Pillar</b>	<b>Non-exhaustive list of elements in the draft modalities text (TN/AG/W/4/Rev.4) that need to be scheduled in accordance with final agreed modalities</b>
<b>Export Competition</b>	Export Subsidies – budgetary and quantity commitments
<b>Domestic Support</b>	Overall Trade Distorting Support
	Final Bound Total AMS
	Product-specific AMS
	Blue Box overall limit
	Product-specific Blue Box limits
<b>Market Access</b>	Bound Tariffs (out-of-quota)
	Existing tariff quotas (including in-quota duties)
	Doha Round tariff quotas (including volumes and in-quota duties)
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3. The Cairns Group suggests that this (non-exhaustive) list be used to help organize future work on data and templates. The next logical step is to identify the "base data" for each of these elements, i.e. the data necessary to establish the "base" which will then be subject to the treatment required by the modalities. As part of this process, it will be also necessary to consider what base data templates may be needed to organize this data, including whether such templates should be included as annexes to the modalities.

4. We note the contribution from the United States (JOB(09)/104) regarding indicative base data and a proposed base data template for export subsidies. The Cairns Group intends to follow up with further contributions to the data and template work, including a contribution in the near future on the domestic support pillar.

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