

SDG Goal 2 Zero hunger

SDG 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

SDG Indicator 2.b.1 Agricultural export subsidies

Time series Export refunds

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: January 22, 2026
- National data: <https://sdg-indicators.de/2-b-1>
- Definition: The time series shows the export refunds (agricultural export subsidies) paid for agricultural products.
- Disaggregation: Not available.

2. Comparability with the UN metadata

- Date of UN metadata: December 2024
- UN metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-02-0B-01.pdf>
- The time series is compliant with the UN metadata.

3. Data description

- Export refunds (agricultural export subsidies) for agricultural products, including corrective and differential amounts, which were granted in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 paragraph 2 (1) to (3) of the Act on the Implementation of Common Market Organisations and Direct Payments (MOG) for the export of goods subject to market regulations were gradually reduced to zero.

The data for the indicator are provided by the Central Customs Authority, which reports annually on the amount of export refunds.

Article 196 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council set the export refund for all agricultural products at zero euros from 1 January 2014 as a first step.

With effect from 7 December 2021, they were abolished de jure: The instrument was finally abolished by the deletion of Part III, Chapter VI (Articles 196 - 204) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 by Regulation (EU) 2021/2117. In doing so, the EU implemented the requirements of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) decision at the 10th Ministerial Conference in Nairobi on 19 December 2015, which called for the general abolition of all export subsidies in agriculture.

No export refunds were paid out in the 2019 calendar year. The instrument has been

completely abandoned, meaning that no further payments are to be expected in this area in future.

4. Access to data source

- Export refunds (only available in German):
https://www.zoll.de/DE/Fachthemen/Marktordnungen/abschaffung_ausfuhrerstattung.html?nn=297020&faqCalledDoc=297020

5. Metadata on source data

- Not available.

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: Not applicable.
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Million EUR
- Calculation: Not applicable.