## Elements of Overall Trade-Distorting Support and Implications of US Subsidy Proposal **Kimberly Elliott**

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	Current US proposed		Estimated from USDA Data						
	ceilings	ceilings	2001 <sup>a</sup>	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006e	2007e
Amber Box (most trade-distorting)									
Aggregate measurement of support	19.1	7.6	14.4	15.6	12.3	7.4	15.2	16.4	9
Subsidies	N/A	N/A	8.6	9.8	6.8	1.9	9.7	10.9	3.5
Market price support	N/A	N/A	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
De minimis									
Product-specific	9.5	5	0.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Non-produc-specific	9.5	5	6.8	~2 <sup>b</sup>					
Blue Box <sup>c</sup>	none	5	0	0	1.7	0.8	2.8	4	3.1
Overall Trade-Distorting Support	none	22.6	21.4	17.6	16	10.2	20	22.4	14.1

**NB: OTDS without P-S DM = 17.6** 

N/A = not applicable; n.a. = not available.

- a. From last official WTO notification.
- b. Approximate average value of non-product-specific de minimis for 1995-2001, without emergency market loss assistance, which was replaced with counter-cyclical payments in 2002 farm bill and which will be allocated to blue box.
- c. The United States has not notified any blue box spending to the WTO. The values here for counter-cyclical payments, which the United States will probably notify as non-product-specific de minimis in the Amber Box, but which it hopes to move to the Blue Box as part of the Doha agreement.