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Questions Posed by the UNITED STATES Regarding the Updating Notification of AUSTRALIA¹

The following communication, dated 17 May 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

Printing Industry Competitiveness Scheme

1. Under "Trade Effects," it is stated that "Currently 55 book printing firms have made claims under the scheme and it is estimated that up to 70 firms may qualify for assistance." Does this include firms which export their products? If so, please indicate the number of firms which export.
2. What amounts were disbursed under this scheme in 1999?

Book Production - Enhanced Printing Industry Competitiveness Scheme

1. Please provide the eligibility criteria for receipt of benefits under this programme.

Dairy Market Support Scheme

1. What were the criteria under which aid for this programme was provided to manufacturers?

Invest Australia: Investment Incentives

1. Under what terms was investment made under this programme?
2. Please provide the amounts given under this. How were these amounts determined?

Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme (ACIS)

1. On what basis are 'eligible' imports determined?
2. Please provide more information concerning how eligible production, eligible investment in plant and equipment, and eligible investment in research and development are determined.

¹ G/SCM/N/60/AUS/Rev.1

Pharmaceutical Industry Investment Programme (PIIP)

1. Please provide further information concerning what type of products are “nominated products supplied to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.” Are all products that are nominated accepted?

Shipbuilding Bounty

1. Under what criteria is aid under this programme provided? What are considered to be ‘eligible costs’?

Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Programme (TCF SIP) Scheme

1. To what percentage of eligible expenditures are benefits under this programme limited?
2. What are considered to be eligible expenditures?
3. Can all TCF entities register for the scheme?
4. Is this scheme limited in any way by production or export levels?

Tasmanian Wheat Freight Subsidy

1. How is it determined which interstate transporters will receive funding under this programme (i.e., what are the eligibility criteria)?

New South Wales Industries Assistance Fund

1. What are considered to be “strategic” investment areas?
2. What types of aid are provided under this programme?

New South Wales Regional Business Development Scheme

1. When did this fund begin?
2. What forms of aid are available, and how is it decided which form of aid will be used?

Northern Territory Industry and Business Assistance

1. What are the criteria to receive assistance under this programme?
2. What industries have received assistance from this programme?

Queensland Investment Incentives Scheme (QIIS)

1. It is stated that assistance under this programme has been offered to the food industries. By this are you referring to the agricultural sector (i.e., farmers) or to the processed food sector or both?
2. Are all food enterprises and industries eligible for aid under this programme? Does level of production or production activity influence which entities are eligible for assistance under this programme?

Queensland Industry Development Scheme

1. Under what criteria is assistance under this programme offered?
2. What agricultural sectors received assistance under this scheme?

Tasmania Investment Attraction Programme

1. Are all enterprises and industries eligible to receive assistance under this programme?
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