

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Agriculture

NOTIFICATION

The attached notification in the context of actions taken within the framework of the Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries (Table NF:1) for the financial year 1997/98 was received from the delegation of **New Zealand** on 10 November 1998.

Table NF:1

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 16.2 OF THE AGREEMENT:
MONITORING OF THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE DECISION ON
MEASURES CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF
THE REFORM PROGRAMME ON LEAST-DEVELOPED AND NET
FOOD-IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: NEW ZEALAND**

REPORTING PERIOD: 1997/98 Financial Year

(1) Quantity of food aid provided to least-developed and net food-importing developing countries:

New Zealand does not make in kind food aid donations. All New Zealand food aid assistance is provided in monetary form (see WFP/IFAD references below).

(2) Indication of the proportion in full grant form or appropriate concessional terms:

100% grant

(3) Technical and financial assistance under paragraph 3(iii) of the Decision:

All financial assistance provided by New Zealand's Official Development Assistance (ODA) is wholly in grant form. Assistance provided in the year to June 1998 includes:

<u>Multilateral Core Funding</u>		<u>(\$NZ)</u>
WFP		600,000
IFAD		700,000
CGIAR		1,039,000
<u>Other Multilateral and Voluntary Agencies</u>		<u>(\$NZ)</u>
Christian World Service (food aid)	181,959	Sudan
Corso (agriculture assistance)	112,500	Ethiopia
PNG Red Cross (food aid)	250,000	Papua New Guinea
Tear Fund (food aid)	200,000	Sudan
WFP (food aid)	400,000	North Korea
World Vision (food aid)	100,000	Papua New Guinea
World Vision (food aid)	200,000	Sudan
<u>Regional</u> (includes some South Pacific LDCs)		<u>(\$NZ)</u>
<i>South Pacific Commission</i>		
Plant Protection Organisation		136,085
<i>South Pacific Trade Commission</i>		
Operations of New Zealand Office		155,422

The Trade Commission facilitates trade (including investment and tourism) with the South Pacific Forum Island countries and the French Pacific Territories.

Bilateral

NZODA develops projects with bilateral partner countries which provide technical and financial assistance to improve their agricultural productivity and sustainability, enhance food security, develop infrastructure and create greater revenue-earning opportunities. Current projects in LDCs include (to the year ending June 1998):

	(\$NZ)
<i>Solomon Islands</i>	
Agricultural Projects	360,922
<i>Vanuatu</i>	
Agricultural Quarantine Services	251,185
<i>Cook Islands</i>	
Agricultural Research Station	60,000
<i>Niue</i>	
Vanilla Project	20,000
<i>Papua New Guinea</i>	
Agricultural Institutional Strengthening	463,692
Fresh Produce Development	401,137
Fisheries Management	268,034
<i>China</i>	
Apple growing	212,400

(4) Other relevant information with respect to actions taken within the framework of the Decision:

New Zealand's grant to the World Food Programme remains at \$600,000 in the 1998/99 financial year.

The NZODA scholarship scheme provides financial assistance to students from developing countries who wish to study at New Zealand institutions. A number of these students attend agriculture-related courses at Lincoln and Massey Universities, and are able to utilise their new skills on return to their home country. NZODA also provides support to the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji.

New Zealand diplomatic posts are in a position to supply information relevant to accessing the New Zealand market to developing country exporters and to provide for further contact, where necessary, with the appropriate departments in New Zealand for more detailed advice.