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MID-TERM REVIEW DECISION ON AGRICULTURE

Notification from Poland

In compliance with the April TNC Decision, Poland confirms its intention to reduce support and protection system in agricultural sector.

The food processing restructuring programme in Poland has been initiated from 1 October 1989. The main emphasis has been put on gradual withdrawal of centrally planned economy in agriculture and food processing industry. The introduction of new system will be performed through winding up the existing market mechanism barriers in order to establish market prices for agricultural means of production and food products.

In the first stage of restructuring process the state administered prices have been lifted up since 1 July 1989. Since 1 October 1989 the following agricultural subsidies have been withdrawn for:

- (1) feeds
- (2) foodgrains, meals and cakes
- (3) groats, barley and oat flakes, pastas
- (4) sugar
- (5) butter, cream and vegetable fats
- (6) meat and meat products
- (7) flour
- (8) selected costs in dairy industry (depreciation, transport)
- (9) fruit and vegetable nutrients and canned food for children
- (10) coal in retail sales
- (11) grains, rape and oil-yielding rape procurement
- (12) special subsidies for slaughter animals, milk and wool purchases
- (13) stale farm housing
- (14) agricultural services.

It is expected that the next steps in radical reform of the economic system in Poland will be introduced on 1 January 1990.