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THE MID-TERM REVIEW DECISION ON AGRICULTURE

Report by New Zealand

The New Zealand authorities have notified in document MTN.GNG/NG5/W/127 details of planned assistance reductions constituting New Zealand's "contribution to the reform process" pursuant to paragraph 15 of the Mid-Term Review Decision on agriculture.

Levels of support and protection

The New Zealand Government has in place a comprehensive set of policy reforms designed to reduce assistance to agriculture to low levels. The data contained in document MTN.GNG/NG5/W/127 show estimated past reductions and intended future reductions in assistance to agriculture. Those data show that New Zealand is fully in compliance with the MTR status quo undertaking. No new programmes have been introduced since the time that notification was made.

Market access barriers

No existing access barriers have been intensified nor have any new barriers been erected which affect agricultural imports since April 1989, the date of the MTR status quo undertaking.

Support prices to producers

As part of New Zealand's policy of agricultural reform, programmes involving the operation of government-backed producer support prices were terminated by 1987. Certain producer boards and marketing boards in New Zealand continue to be involved in setting prices received by their producer suppliers. These prices are fixed on the basis of realizations from sales at international market prices. There is no implicit or explicit government funding nor consumer transfer involved. There have thus been no increases in support prices, nor any measures having equivalent effect, since April 1989, the date of the MTR status quo undertaking.