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## NOTIFICATION

The attached notification concerning domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant Supporting Tables) for the fifth year of implementation (**1998/99**) was received from the delegation of **New Zealand** on 7 April 2000.

Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: New Zealand**  
**REPORTING PERIOD: year ending June 1999**

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

| Year ending June | Total AMS commitment level for period in question | Currency                                    | Current Total AMS                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                  | (from Section 1 of Part IV of the Schedule)       | (from Section 1 of Part IV of the Schedule) | (from attached Supporting Tables) |
|                  | 1                                                 | 2                                           | 3                                 |
| 1995             | 348.30                                            | \$NZ million                                | 0                                 |
| 1996             | 336.29                                            | \$NZ million                                | 0                                 |
| 1997             | 324.28                                            | \$NZ million                                | 0                                 |
| 1998             | 312.27                                            | \$NZ million                                | 0                                 |
| 1999             | 300.26                                            | \$NZ million                                | 0                                 |

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: New Zealand****REPORTING PERIOD: year ending June 1999***Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - "Green Box"*

| Measure Type                                     | Name of measure                                                                                                     | Monetary value of measure<br>in year in question<br>\$NZ million | Description of measure and reference to Annex 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Data Sources                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                                                | 2                                                                                                                   | 3                                                                | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5                                                                             |
| (a) General Services                             |                                                                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                               |
| Management of Government agricultural programmes | <u>Management of Government agricultural programmes</u>                                                             | 0.214                                                            | Expenditure related to the administration of contractual obligations, primarily the employment of staff and consultants in relation to the transfer of ownership of irrigation schemes from the Crown to irrigation companies.                                                                                                                        | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Annual Report - 1 July 1998-30 June 1999 |
| Sanitary and Phytosanitary                       | <u>Development and Maintenance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Assurance and Related Standards</u> <sup>1</sup> | 3.307                                                            | Development and maintenance of written standards designed to give effect to New Zealand law and policies covering SPS arrangements (and related areas such as animal welfare, agricultural compounds and veterinary medicines) and thus strengthen official assurances that animals, plants and produce meet sanitary and phytosanitary requirements. | "                                                                             |
|                                                  | <u>Accreditation to Standards</u> <sup>1</sup>                                                                      | 0.609                                                            | Government purchase of services required to give effect to the standards covering SPS and related areas. Outputs include registration of agricultural compounds and veterinary medicines, accreditation required to effect animal welfare investigations and accreditation required to effect SPS standards.                                          | "                                                                             |
|                                                  | <u>Audit for Compliance with Standards</u> <sup>1</sup>                                                             | 0.418                                                            | Government provision of services relating to the audit of service providers as part of ensuring compliance with the standards to provide confidence that SPS measures and related standards and legislation are implemented as required and that assurances given can be substantiated by performance.                                                | "                                                                             |

| 1                        | 2                                                                             | 3       | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5                                                                             |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          | <u>Enforcement of Agricultural Legislation</u> <sup>1</sup>                   | 1.539   | Government provision of services for enforcing the law through investigations and subsequent prosecutions where illegal activity is evident. The scope includes the legal requirements of the Meat Act, Dairy Industry Act, Animal Protection Act, and Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act. | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Annual Report - 1 July 1998-30 June 1999 |
| Pest and disease control | <u>Border Inspection and Quarantine Services</u>                              | 16.923  | Control of quarantine risks at the border and management of post-entry quarantine in accordance with the provisions of the Biosecurity Act 1993.                                                                                                                                                            | "                                                                             |
|                          | <u>Pest and Disease Surveillance Services</u>                                 | 10.394  | Health surveillance of domestic animal and plant populations, international reporting of the domestic animal and plant health status, and detection of emergent unwanted organisms.                                                                                                                         | "                                                                             |
|                          | <u>Pest and Disease Emergency Response Services</u>                           | 6.439   | Maintenance of a capability to respond to an incursion of unwanted organisms, harmful to animals and plants or to other organisms that could become a serious problem if left unchecked.                                                                                                                    | "                                                                             |
|                          | <u>Administration of Biosecurity Standards and Pest Management Strategies</u> | 6.678   | Development of written standards for biosecurity procedures and services for controlling entry of goods at the border, post entry quarantine, surveillance of health status and emergency response.                                                                                                         | "                                                                             |
|                          | <u>Control of Tuberculosis Vectors</u>                                        | 19.053  | Control of populations of wild animals, particularly possums, in locations where infected members of the wild population transmit tuberculosis to cattle and deer. Control measures are undertaken on farms and adjacent Crown land.                                                                        | "                                                                             |
|                          | <u>Regional Council pest and disease control</u> <sup>2</sup>                 | 22.735  | Expenditure by regional councils on control of pests and diseases.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Regional Council Annual Plans 1998/99                                         |
| Research                 | <u>Research</u>                                                               | 140.527 | Funds provided by the Foundation for Research Science and Technology (FRST) for research directly related to agricultural production including forage, animal and dairy industries, horticulture, arable and other food and beverage industries. <sup>3</sup>                                               | FRST Public Good Science Fund Research Contracts 1997/98 and 1998/99          |

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| Infrastructural services                       | <u>Community Irrigation Schemes</u>                 | 0.015 | The on-site operation and maintenance of the Crown's existing irrigation schemes until sold to private buyers, and the cost to settle claims arising from construction.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Annual Report 1 July 1998 – 30 June 1999                                                |
|                                                | <u>Regional Council flood control</u> <sup>2</sup>  | 7.040 | Expenditure by regional councils on capital investment and maintenance of off-farm flood protection and land drainage schemes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Regional Council Annual Plans 1998/99                                                                                        |
| (f) Payments for relief from natural disasters |                                                     |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                              |
|                                                | <u>Adverse Climatic Events</u>                      | 0.568 | Provision of support to the agriculture industries in the aftermath of adverse climatic events. The majority of the funds were used to provide for temporary offices to be established in drought stricken regions. The funds also paid for technical field days for drought-affected areas and 50 per cent of the cost of independent financial consultants employed by seven rural trusts. The figure also includes Task Force Green funding from Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ) for regional flood clean-up assistance in areas affected by flooding. | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Annual Report - 1 July 1998-30 June 1999 and Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ) 1998/99 |
|                                                | <u>Rural Sector Assistance Programme</u>            | 1.239 | A benefit provided to agricultural producers in regions the Government recognises as being severely affected by an adverse climatic event. The benefit provides minimum short-term living needs, and is assessed monthly. Drought is estimated to have cost \$586 million at the farm gate in terms of feed costs and production losses in the year 1998/99                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Work and Income New Zealand 1998/99                                                                                          |
| (j) Environmental programmes                   |                                                     |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                              |
| Erosion control                                | <u>East Coast Afforestation Grants</u> <sup>4</sup> | 3.132 | Initiated in 1992, this programme provides funding to agricultural producers and others to plant trees, primarily as a means of erosion control, particularly on severely erodible land in the East Coast region of the North Island.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Annual Report - 1 July 1998-30 June 1999                                                |

| 1                 | 2                                                      | 3      | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5                                     |
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| Soil conservation | <u>Regional Council soil conservation</u> <sup>2</sup> | 10.290 | These programmes are part of a national policy for sustainable management under the Resource Management Act and the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act. The programmes are undertaken by regional councils and typically provide 50% to 70% of the cost of soil conservation practices undertaken by farmers in order to fulfil the legislative requirements. | Regional Council Annual Plans 1998/99 |

*Explanatory Notes:*

- 1 Expenditure notified previously under 'Administration of Quality Assurance Standards for the Agricultural Sector' has been divided into four separate categories – Development and Maintenance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Assurance and Related Standards, Accreditation to Standards, Audit for Compliance with Standards, and Enforcement of Agricultural Legislation – which were encompassed under the formerly notified programme. Additionally the previously notified expenditure under 'Animal Welfare Services' has been allocated between each of the four categories. This change is a result of restructuring within the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry – the reallocation of expenditure reflects the new division of responsibilities within the Ministry.
- 2 Under the Resource Management Act 1991, most resource management responsibilities are assigned to New Zealand's 15 regional councils. As a result, the majority of resource management programmes relevant to agriculture are now carried out at the regional level. The figures given represent the *total* expenditure by councils on the resource management programmes net of funds recovered from users or beneficiaries. However, not all of this expenditure benefits, or is directly attributable to, agriculture. Depending on the programme, the amount of expenditure that is attributable to agriculture varies between an estimated 60% to 100%.
- 3 Changes in the description of the measure "research" are to provide increased transparency. Further information on the types of agriculture-related research the Foundation for Research Science and Technology (FRST) contracts can be obtained from the FRST web page at [www.frst.govt.nz/apps/database/trsearch/index.cfm](http://www.frst.govt.nz/apps/database/trsearch/index.cfm)
- 4 The measure "East Coast Afforestation Grants" is not new. It is the same programme that was notified in New Zealand's 1997/98 Green Box notification as the "East Coast Forestry Programme".

Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: New Zealand**

**REPORTING PERIOD: year ending June 1999**

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

| Description of basic products<br>(including non-product specific<br>AMS) | Product specific AMS (from Supporting Tables<br>DS:5 to DS:7 below) | Product-specific measurements of support<br>(from Supporting Table DS:8 below) | Current Total AMS (aggregate) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1                                                                        | 2                                                                   | 3                                                                              | 4                             |
| -                                                                        | 0                                                                   | 0                                                                              | 0                             |