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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 25 February 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of **Australia**. The notification concerns new or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction (**Table DS:2**).

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: AUSTRALIA

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Industry-Led Research Sub Programme
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
 This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with paragraphs 2(a) relating to research of Annex 2:

 The Industry-Led Research Sub Programme will fund projects to optimise irrigation water use and improve on-farm risk management.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-14 expenditure \$A 1.25 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 8 August 2013.
- (6) **Period of application:** 8 August 2013 – 30 June 2015.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s):**

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Loxton Research Centre Redevelopment
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(a) regarding research services:
The Australian Government is redeveloping the Loxton Research Centre for agricultural research and collaboration for the sustainability of the South Australian Murray Darling Basin.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-14 expenditure \$A 1 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 8 August 2013.
- (6) **Period of application:** 8 August 2013 – 30 June 2015.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s):**

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** New Horizons Soil Modification Programme
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
- This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(a) regarding research services:
- New Horizons is delivering research and extension on sub soil modification that leads to increased fertility, long term storage of carbon, reduced soil erosion risk, and improved water use efficiency.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-14 expenditure \$A 0.699 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 22 January 2014.
- (6) **Period of application:** 22 January 2014 – 30 June 2016.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Australian Government emergency financial assistance to States for pest management in drought affected areas
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
 This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(b) regarding pest and disease control.
 Pest management assistance between Commonwealth of Australia and New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory, and the Northern Territory - \$3.5 Million (QLD); \$1.5 Million (New South Wales).
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-14 expenditure \$A 5 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** Queensland: 3 June 2014
 New South Wales: 19 June 2014
- (6) **Period of application:** Queensland 3 June 2014 – 30 June 2015
 New South Wales 19 June 2014 – 30 June 2015
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s):**

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Dairy Industry Financial Literacy Programme
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
- This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(c) regarding training services:
- Delivery of four facilitated financial literacy programme workshops in four key dairy regions in South Australia provided by trainers experienced in the field of expertise (accounting, financial management, banking) and conversant with dairy industry practices.
- The programme aims to equip farmers with abilities to enable them to better understand the financial health of their business so they seek support or put strategies into action well before their financial situation becomes critical.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-14 expenditure \$A 0.022 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 4 March 2014.
- (6) **Period of application:** 1 July 2014 – 19 December 2014.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):** Dairy products.

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Farm Business Management Skills Project.
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
- This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(c) regarding training services:
- It enhances the skills of primary producers across regional areas of South Australia to enhance business resilience and long-term sustainability through facilitated workshops, case studies and provision of training materials with participants receiving a Certificate of Attainment on completion of the competency units.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-14 expenditure \$A 0.055 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 23 April 2014.
- (6) **Period of application:** 23 April 2014 - Feb 2015.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s):**

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Caring for our Country - Innovation Grants
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Natural Resource Management (Financial Assistance) Act 1992.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
 This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(d) regarding extension and advisory services:

 The grants programme provides funding ranging between \$A 250,000 and \$A 1.5 million on a competitive basis for projects conducted by natural resource management bodies, non-government organisations, industry bodies and landowners to gain knowledge to adopt innovative production, resource management and supply chain management practices and processes, that will improve sustainability of resource based industries. This includes farmers, fishers, foresters and other businesses.

 The programme provides \$A 21.2 million in funding for 31 projects to be completed by 30 June 2016.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-14 expenditure \$A 7.054 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 6 June 2013.
- (6) **Period of application:** 6 June 2013 – June 2016.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s):**

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** National Produce Monitoring System
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
 This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(d) regarding extension and advisory services:

 The programme is designed to provide data on residue status of Australian grown fruit and vegetable crops for which there is no or limited residue monitoring data.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-2014 expenditure \$A 0.903 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 1 July 2013.
- (6) **Period of application:** 1 July 2013 — 30 June 2014.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):** Fruit and vegetable products.

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(1) **Full title of measure:** Rural Water Use Efficiency - Irrigation Futures

(2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.

(3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**

This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(d) regarding extension and advisory services:

The measure is a partnership between the Queensland Government and major rural industries, where the government provides financial support to support industry groups in providing environmental services to irrigators such as system design and management.

Services funded typically include:

- providing information through workshops, field days, fact sheets and web-based tools on ways to improve water and energy efficiency;
- conducting assessments on irrigation and pumping systems to determine their efficiency and to identify where water and energy savings can be made;
- offering advice to irrigators to encourage them to make system and practice changes, including advice on managing agricultural wastewater and the management of nutrients applied through irrigation.

(4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-14 expenditure \$A 2 million.

(5) **Date of entry into effect:** July 2013.

(6) **Period of application:** July 2013 - June 2017.

(7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):**

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Browsing Animal Management
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
 This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(d) regarding extension and advisory services:

 The Browsing Animal Management Programme aims to develop integrated strategies to reduce the impacts wildlife cause to agricultural, pastoral and forestry production, using the most cost-effective approaches.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-2014 expenditure \$A 0.296 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 1 July 2013.
- (6) **Period of application:** 1 July 2013 – 30 June 2018.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s):**

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Beef Australia Exposition
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
 This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(f) regarding marketing and promotion services:

 Funding to Beef Australia Ltd to run the Beef Australia exposition. This event addresses government objectives for the beef industry to improve natural resource management, enhance agricultural productivity and examine new trade and export opportunities. The exposition is held every three years.

 Beef Australia is a not-for-profit non-government organisation.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013 - 2014 expenditure \$A 2.5 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 1 July 2013.
- (6) **Period of application:** 1 July 2013 — 30 June 2014.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s)):** Beef products.

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Brand Australia Global Food Strategy
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
 This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(f) regarding marketing and promotion services:

 Project funded by the Department of Agriculture and delivered by the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) to develop and deliver a unique brand for Australian food.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-14 expenditure: \$A 0.537 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 26 July 2013.
- (6) **Period of application:** 26 July 2013 — 30 June 2014.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s):**

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** China Agribusiness Initiative and Action Plan.
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
 This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(f) regarding marketing and promotion services:

 The initiative supports South Australian agribusinesses to understand opportunities in China in food, wine and capability development. It includes activities in trade promotion, investment attraction and research collaboration.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-14 expenditure \$A 0.241 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** July 2013.
- (6) **Period of application:** July 2013 – June 2016.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s):**

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- (1) **Full title of measure:** Food and Fibre Marketing Cooperatives Programme
- (2) **Domestic legislation:** Nil.
- (3) **Detailed description of measure with reference to criteria:**
- This measure is exempt from reduction commitments consistent with Annex 2, paragraph 2(f) regarding marketing and promotion services:
- Programme encourages collaboration amongst farmers and value chain participants through establishing new marketing cooperatives for agriculture. Programme assists cooperatives with business plans, feasibility studies, legal costs, technical advice and market research.
- (4) **Cost of measure:** 2013-2014 expenditure \$A 0.077 million.
- (5) **Date of entry into effect:** 17 July 2012.
- (6) **Period of application:** 1 July 2013 — 30 June 2015.
- (7) **Products to principally benefit (if any individual product(s):**
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