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### NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 25 May 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of **New Zealand**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1** and the relevant Supporting Tables) for the financial year ending **June 2015**.

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Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: NEW ZEALAND

REPORTING PERIOD: YEAR ENDING JUNE 2015

*Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

| Year ending June | Total AMS commitment level for<br>period in question | Currency                                    | Current Total AMS                 |
|------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|                  | (from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule)          | (from Section I of Part IV of the Schedule) | (from attached Supporting Tables) |
|                  | 1  | 2   | 3                                 |
| 2015             | 288.25   | NZD million                                 | 0                                 |

Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: NEW ZEALAND

REPORTING PERIOD: YEAR ENDING JUNE 2015

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - "Green Box"*

| Measure Type                                 | Name of measure  | Monetary value of measure in year in question<br>(NZD million) | Description of measure and reference to Annex 2  | Data Sources   |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| General services<br>(paragraph 2)            |  |  |  |  |
| Research<br>(paragraph 2(a))                 | Research   | 119.200  | Funds provided by the Ministry of Science and Innovation (MSI) for research directly related to agricultural production including forage, animal and dairy industries, horticulture, arable and other food and beverage industries.            | Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment                                  |
|  | Sustainable Farming Fund                               | 5.417  | A contestable fund set-up to support community driven programmes aimed at improving the financial and environmental performance of the land based sectors. Projects must seek to address a need that is identified by a community of interest. | Ministry for Primary Industries<br>Annual Report for year ending<br>30 June 2015 |
|  | Primary Growth Partnership                             | 50.867   | The Primary growth Partnership (PGP) is a Government-industry partnership initiative to encourage investment in significant programmes of research and innovation in the primary and food production sectors.                                  | "  |
| Pest and disease control<br>(paragraph 2(b)) | Border biosecurity systems development and maintenance | 16.060   | Development and maintenance of standards and systems that manage biosecurity risk associated with imports and exports.   | "  |
|  | Border biosecurity monitoring and clearance            | 80.205   | Biosecurity monitoring and clearance programmes that manage the biosecurity risk associated with international trade and travel.   | "  |

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|---|---|--|---|--|
| 1   | 2   | 3  | 4   | 5  |
| Infrastructural services<br>(paragraph 2(g))                | Biosecurity Incursion Response and Long Term Pest Management                          | 36.120   | Assess and approve standards for pest and disease response. Facilitate the early detection of animal diseases and unwanted organisms affected animal, forest and plant health. Maintain accredited systems, procedures, laboratory diagnostic, information management and personnel capability. | Ministry for Primary Industries Annual Report for year ending 30 June 2015 |
|   | Domestic biosecurity surveillance   | 36.294   | Assessing and possible eradication of suspected risk organisms within New Zealand.  | "  |
|   | Control of Tuberculosis Vectors   | 30.000   | 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.  | "  |
|   | Regional Council pest and disease control <sup>1</sup>                                | 35.645   | Expenditure by regional councils on control of pests and diseases.  | Regional Council Annual Reports for year ending 30 June 2015               |
|   | Response to Kiwifruit disease <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>actinidiae</i> (Psa) | 1.19   | Government support for an industry-led programme for managing the kiwifruit disease. The strategy is focused on containing the disease, initially by removing affected vines.   | Ministry for Primary Industries Annual Report for year ending 30 June 2015 |
|   | Community Irrigation Schemes  | 4.480  | 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.   | "  |
|   | Regional Council flood control <sup>1</sup>   | 53.107   | Expenditure by regional councils on capital investment and maintenance of off-farm flood protection and land drainage schemes.  | Regional Council Annual Reports for year ending 30 June 2015               |
| Payments for relief from natural disasters<br>(paragraph 8) | Adverse Climatic Events   | 0.493  | Provision of support to the agriculture industries in the aftermath of adverse climatic events.   | Ministry for Primary Industries Annual Report for year ending 30 June 2015 |

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|--|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1  | 2                         | 3  | 4  | 5   |
| Payments for environmental programmes (paragraph 12) | Rural Assistance Payments | 0.010  | Support provided to meet essential living expenses for farming families affected by adverse climatic events when they have no other significant income. The benefit provides minimal living needs for up to 12 months. Eligibility is assessed on a four weekly basis. | Ministry of Social Development  |
|  | Soil conservation         | Regional Council soil conservation <sup>1</sup>                | 36.602   | 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. |

1 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 varies between an estimated 60% to 100%.

Supporting Table DS:4

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: NEW ZEALAND

REPORTING PERIOD: YEAR ENDING JUNE 2015

*Calculation of the Current Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

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

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