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**Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures**

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## **SUBSIDIES**

### **QUESTIONS POSED BY THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE NEW AND FULL NOTIFICATION OF NEW ZEALAND<sup>1</sup>**

The following communication, dated and received on 24 January 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States.

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The United States appreciates New Zealand's 2021 subsidy notification and poses the following question regarding a program contained in the notification as well as programs we understand are maintained by New Zealand, but may not be included in the notification.

#### **Question 1**

For the program entitled "Primary Growth Partnership (PGP)", or its replacement, the Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures program, what proportion of these funds is provided to the seafood and forestry industries?

#### **Question 2**

We understand, based on the State Department Investment Climate Statement, that New Zealand maintains a Screen Production Grant, which provides rebates for international productions of 20% on specified goods and services purchased in New Zealand. What is the current status of this program?

#### **Question 3**

These questions refer to programs discussed in New Zealand's Trade Policy Review (WT/TPR/S/316)

- a. On page 58 of New Zealand's most recent Trade Policy Review (dated 12 October, 2015), the Secretariat's Report mentions the "International Growth Fund" which is aimed at supporting export businesses with high growth potential. Please explain whether this program is still in operation and if so, why it was not included in New Zealand's notification.
- b. On page 83 of New Zealand's most recent Trade Policy Review, the Secretariat's Report mentions several programs supporting the manufacturing industry which are covered under the Business Growth Agenda and include programs like "Better By Design" which is especially oriented towards helping companies increase their international competitiveness. Please explain whether these programs still exist, and if so, why they were not included in this notification.
- c. The Secretariat's Report also mentions several other grant programs on page 83 which are administered by the Ministry of Business. If these programs still exist, please describe them or explain why they do not need to be included in this notification.

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<sup>1</sup> G/SCM/N/372/NZL

- d. In addition to the programs mentioned above, the Trade Policy Review also includes five other programs which were not included in this notification. These programs appear to have been listed in previous notifications, so please note whether these programs were terminated since New Zealand's 2015 TPR. The programs include: the New Zealand Export Credit Office Program, the Research Consortia, Beachheads, the Food Innovation Network, and the Environmental Certification Fund.

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