

4. The following broad guidelines in relation to import performance and usage under MEALs should be noted:

- (a) Unused 1983/84 MEAL allocations picked up on the computer in July/August 1984 would be made available under the 1984/85 TEALs procedures about August/September 1984. In partially taken-up item codes unused MEALs would be added to the REALs pool and allocated on request. For item codes fully taken up the MEALs would be put up in an additional tender round. These unused MEALs would be transferred permanently to the tender pool for 1985/86.
- (b) In order to qualify for MEALs in 1985/86 New Zealand manufacturers would need to establish that they were using MEALs in accordance with the MEAL guidelines, i.e., rationalising/complementing domestic production, etc. on similar basis as for R/MEALs. (See 3 (k) above.)
- (c) MEAL issues for 1985/86 would be based on performance in 1983/84 except where manufacturers had handed back MEALs for 1983/84 by 31 January 1984. Manufacturers' 1985/86 MEAL allocations would therefore also be based on the full allocation received for 1984/85 bearing in mind that they would need to show they were operating in accordance with the MEAL guidelines.
- (d) Where MEALs were not handed back in 1983/84 and individual firms had used less than 75 percent of their MEALs, manufacturers could be asked to justify receipt of MEALs in 1985/86 against the general 75 percent non-usage criteria. This would, however, need to take account of rationalisation/complementation plans underway and estimated usage of 1984/85 MEALs in terms of the MEAL guidelines.

5. For any queries, applicants should contact John Diamond or Rob Taylor, General Industries (2), Department of Trade and Industry, Wellington.