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Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Agcarm welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
- 1.2 Agcarm is supportive of the CPTPP being mandated by the Government. As an organisation we view the trade agreement as a key driver in freeing up agricultural trade and investment between the countries involved in the partnership.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Agcarm recommends that the CPTPP is ratified and signed by the New Zealand Government as a means of enhancing our overall economy, particularly the agricultural based industries. As it reads the CPTPP will lead to the removal or reduction of tariffs from partner countries that we export commodities to, thus providing greater confidence to New Zealand commodity producers for future market growth.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 As the peak industry representative for Crop Protection and Animal Health within New Zealand, Agcarm welcomes the CPTPP Agreement and supports the endorsement of the Agreement by the New Zealand Government.

4. About Agcarm

Agcarm is the industry association for manufacturers and suppliers of crop protection and animal health products. For further information see www.agcarm.co.nz.

The products that our members produce protect public health, improve animal welfare and help environmental management. They:

- Play a pivotal role in growing high yield, sustainable food and fibre products;
- Help supply healthy, nutritional and affordable food;
- Keep New Zealand's agriculture, horticulture and forestry sectors internationally competitive.
- Our members are committed to safety, innovation and product stewardship.