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SUBJECT: PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATOR (GRADE A4) IN THE TRADE ANALYSIS DIVISION
DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Closing date for applications: The closing date for applications is 5th September 1991.

Duties:

• Under the general supervision of the Head of the Trade Analysis Division, the post-holder will be largely responsible for the development and application of quantitative methods, especially in the context of the Division’s on-going analysis of the effects of assistance on agriculture. In particular, the post-holder will:
1. Be largely responsible for the conceptualisation, design and implementation of quantitative economic models (partial and general equilibrium) for assessing the impact of different agricultural policy scenarios. Among the issues to be addressed are: the income effects of policies; their impacts on agricultural trade; factor market implications; and the relationship between agricultural and environmental policies.

2. Contribute to the subsequent analysis of model simulation results, draft final reports on this work, and present them as necessary to the relevant bodies for examination.

3. Follow, and contribute to, the relevant work carried out by other parts of the Organisation (for example, macroeconomics, inter-sectoral analysis, the environment).

4. Foster and maintain contacts with national administrations and other international organisations on matters of relevance to the Division’s work programme.

5. Supervise and co-ordinate work of other staff members and consultants in the fields mentioned above.

Principal qualifications:

1. Advanced degree in economics or agricultural economics with special emphasis on quantitative methods.

2. Proven ability in the application of economic theory to the quantitative analysis of the effects of policies on agriculture, and in the presentation of that analysis to technical and non-technical audiences.

3. Ability to organise analytical work carried out by subordinates and to work well in a team environment.

4. Relevant experience with a national or international organisation would be a definite asset.

5. Clarity of oral and written expression and quick drafting capacity are essential.

6. Excellent knowledge of one of the two official languages of the Organisation (English and French), ability to draft very well in that language. Good knowledge of the other would be an advantage.