OFFICE CIRCULAR

ECONOMIST (GRADE A2/A3),
COUNTRY STUDIES I AND STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT DIVISION,
DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Closing date for applications: 19 December 1997

The OECD is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from female candidates

Role

Under the supervision of the Head of Division or, on some occasions, a Principal Administrator, the main responsibilities of the post-holder will be to analyse developments in agricultural policies in Member countries and prepare reports on trade issues affecting agriculture.

Main Duties

1. Undertake analyses of national agricultural policies and measures, and assess and quantify their consequences both domestically and internationally. Estimate and contribute to the development of indicators of support and protection.

2. Prepare reports on trade issues affecting agriculture and the agro-food sector, including the economic evaluation of aspects of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture, analysis of emerging agricultural trade issues, and regulatory reform.
3. Participate in the development of an agricultural trade policy database to be used in analysis of agricultural trade problems.

4. Participate in and contribute Secretariat support to meetings of the Organisation as required on agricultural issues, particularly for the Committee for Agriculture and its related bodies.

5. Participate in other activities in the field of agricultural policies as required in accordance with the priorities of the work programme of the Directorate and contribute to horizontal activities in co-operation with other Directorates.

Principal Qualifications and Core Competences

1. University degree in economics or agricultural economics. An advanced degree with a solid foundation in applied micro-economics and quantitative analysis would be an advantage.

2. Experience in applied economic analysis of agricultural policy problems; good knowledge of agricultural issues in major OECD countries; aptitude for quantitative analysis, and experience in preparing economic policy reports.

3. Demonstrated interest in and ability to contribute to debate on agricultural policy problems and to maintain contacts with appropriate experts and specialists at the national and international level.

4. Clarity of both written and oral expression; capacity to work to tight deadlines; good organisational skills; ability to work with a minimum of supervision and ability to maintain harmonious working relations within a multinational team.

5. Excellent knowledge of one of the official languages of the Organisation (English and French) and ability to draft very well in that language; good knowledge of the other. Knowledge of other languages of Member countries would be an advantage.

N.B. The appointment may initially be made at the level immediately below if the qualifications and professional experience of the selected applicant correspond to that level; in this case, the duties and responsibilities assigned to the post will be adjusted accordingly.
GENERAL INFORMATION ON VACANCIES AND APPLICATIONS

Who may apply: Posts in the Organisation are open to both male and female nationals of Member countries. External candidates must be less than 65 years old at the time of appointment.

Closing date: The date shown is that at which the selection procedures begin officially. Applications received later will be considered only on an exceptional basis.

Duration of appointment: A fixed-term appointment (usually for two or three years, with the possibility of renewal) will be offered.

Grade of appointment: Posts are normally filled at the grade indicated. Some posts, however, may be filled provisionally at the level immediately below if the qualifications and professional experience of the chosen candidate correspond to that level and if such a possibility has been indicated on the vacancy notice. In this case, the duties and responsibilities assigned will be adjusted accordingly.

Place of work: Unless otherwise stated, work will be carried out in Paris. However, for some posts, occasional travel may be required.

Duties: The duties mentioned are the main duties to be carried out at the time of appointment. They may be modified according to the work programme of the Service or with the introduction of new work methods and/or equipment.

Qualifications: The qualifications listed are those which are most important to the performance of the duties mentioned. Their sequence is not an indication of the relative importance attached to them.

Tests: For some posts, candidates may be required to take a written or oral examination. The result will be a factor in the selection.

Interviews: The best-qualified candidates will be called for interview. Those who are not to be interviewed will be so informed. Candidates who are not native speakers of either of the two official languages will be assessed at interview in the official language of their choice -- unless the post in question requires an excellent or very good knowledge of both languages in which case all candidates will be required at interview to demonstrate competency in the two languages.

Final selection: The final selection will be made on the basis of the qualifications mentioned in the Vacancy Notice and in comparison with those of the other candidates. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified not later than one month after the appointment procedure has been completed.

How to apply: Those who wish to apply for a post should send a detailed Curriculum Vitae (indicating the vacancy reference number) to Human Resource Management, accompanied by supporting documentation, such as titles of publications and/or copies of diplomas, as appropriate. Other than employment history and educational background your CV must include your nationality, sex and birthdate.

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