

23 March 2015

H.E. Yoon Sang-jick
Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy
Republic of Korea

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Based on these discussions, I further have the honour to confirm that the Government of New Zealand will take the following measures from the same day as the *Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Korea and New Zealand* enters into force:

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2. New Zealand will not require labour market testing, economic needs testing or other procedures of similar effect in issuing primary sector training visas.
3. The vocational training could cover all primary sectors with the exception of forestry. The trainees must be supported by the Government of the Republic of Korea.
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 - can undertake work placements, related to their study and up to a maximum of nine (9) months' duration, that are arranged and monitored by the education provider;
 - must have New Zealand employment agreements, and must be paid at least the New Zealand minimum wage (the education provider will be responsible for ensuring employers comply);
 - would not be able to apply for a further work visa in New Zealand for two (2) years; and
 - must fulfil all other immigration requirements, including health and character requirements.

5. Either the Republic of Korea or New Zealand may, at any time, through the diplomatic channel request consultations on any issues arising from the primary sector training visas. The Republic of Korea and New Zealand will enter into consultations within thirty (30) days of the request.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Hon Tim Groser
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I have the further honour to express our appreciation of the above-mentioned measures and I hope these measures will become a cornerstone for further developing the friendly relations between the two countries.

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Yoon Sang-jick

Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy

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