SINGAPORE

Economic classification: Industrial Market economy Oil exporter or importer (net): Importer Annual per capita income: US\$ 5,500 year 1982/83 US\$ 5,200 year 1982/83 Annual per capita GNP Average annual growth 1960-80 5.6 % Annual inflation rate 1970-80 8.5 % Annual inflation rate (current) 3.0 % 28 billion US\$ year 1983 Volume of imports Of which food year 1983 8.0 % year 1983 Of which fuels 31.0 % Principal foreign exchange earning export: Processing Raw Materials Debt service as % of GNP 2.5 % year 1983 Debt service as % of exports 2.0 % year 1983 2.5 million year 1983 **Population** Annual population growth 1.2 % years 1980-1984

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Foreign Exchange Situation

In spite of great fluctuation in major world currencies for the past twelve months, Singapore dollar remains strong and stable. The present exchange rate (August) is Cdn \$1.00 = SIN\$1.60.

There will be priorities for imports of food and agricultural inputs.

Singapore is considered as a developed country and is presently not receiving aid from other countries.

Fertilizer Situation

Singapore is not a grain producing country.

Import Mechanism

Grain trading companies and grain millers are the importers of grains in Singapore.

4. Government Policies Affecting Grain and Agriculture

Owing to the recent Government's intention to phase out all livestock farms due to pollution and economic factors, the Government encourages its people to consume imported frozen meats.